

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Calne Area Board  
**Place:** Calne Hub and Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 March 2023  
**Time:** 6.30 pm

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Including the Parishes of: Bremhill, Calne, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Hilmarton.

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Calne Rural (Chairman)  
Cllr Tom Rounds, Calne North (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Tony Trotman, Calne Chilvester and Abberd  
Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Calne South  
Cllr Ian Thorn, Calne Central

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	<b>Time</b>
<p>1 <b>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>To welcome attendees to the meeting.</p>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
<p>2 <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3 <b>Minutes</b> (<i>Pages 1 - 8</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022.</p>	
<p>4 <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 <b>Chairman's Announcements</b> (<i>Pages 9 - 22</i>)</p> <p>The Chairman will make the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Coronation of King Charles III – 6 May</li> <li>b. Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer</li> <li>c. Family Help Hubs</li> <li>d. Cost of Living Update</li> </ul>	<b>6.40 pm</b>
<p>6 <b>Wiltshire Police</b> (<i>Pages 23 - 32</i>)</p> <p>To receive an update from Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson OBE, new Chief Constable Catherine Roper and Inspector Peter Foster.</p>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<p>7 <b>Emergency Contact Hubs</b></p> <p>To find out further information from Wiltshire Council's Community Resilience Team about proposals for Emergency Contact Hubs.</p>	<b>7:15pm</b>
<p>8 <b>Partner Updates</b> (<i>Pages 33 - 48</i>)</p> <p>To receive an update from the partners listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>b. Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>c. BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Together – Integrated Care System</li> <li>d. Calne Community Safety Forum Update</li> <li>e. Community First</li> <li>f. Town and Parish Councils.</li> <li>h. Shared Lives - <a href="https://youtu.be/fdxkL3TNuM4">https://youtu.be/fdxkL3TNuM4</a></li> </ul>	<b>7:35pm</b>

9 **Area Board Funding** (Pages 49 - 52)

8:00pm

To consider applications for Community Area grant funding, as follows:

- Calne Town Football Club, Calne Town Club House refurbishment requesting £5000
- The Lansdowne Hall, Project CCTV Update requesting £2151.00
- Sustainable Calne, Sustainable Calne Thermal Imaging Camera Loan Scheme requesting £286.48
- Marden House Centre, Structural repair to Marden House £5000
- Calne Clean Up Crew, Calne Clean Up Crew Town Centre Planter Project requesting £3000

To consider the following application for Older and Vulnerable People's Funding:

- Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network, Administration support for Calne Health Social Care and Wellbeing meetings requesting £500
- Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network, Administration support for Calne Voices meetings requesting £500
- Calne Seniors Reconnecting Group, Reconnecting group activities requesting £2000

To consider the following applications for Youth Funding:

- Councillor Initiative, Youth Event at KGA requesting £700
- The Open Blue Trust, Open Blue Bus in Calne requesting £2000

10 **Fostering Recruitment Update** (Pages 53 - 62)

8:25pm

To find out more about how to become a foster parent in Wiltshire.

11 **Area Board Priority and Working Group Update** (Pages 63 - 70)

8:30pm

To receive updates from Lead Councillors for the local Area Board priorities.

- Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people – Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney
- Addressing climate change – Cllr Ian Thorn
- Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and

	vulnerable people - Cllr Tom Rounds	
	. Promoting and supporting initiatives to address Economic Inequalities– Cllr Tony Trotman	
12	<b>S106 Working Group</b>  To receive an update from the meeting on 23 February 2023.	<b>8:40pm</b>
13	<b>Local Highway and Footway improvement Group (LHFIG)</b> <i>(Pages 71 - 96)</i>  To consider recommendations arising from the LHFIGs meeting held on 3 February 2023, as follows:  1. To note the discussions and updates outlined in the report.  2. To close the following issues:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6465 Curzon Street (on priority list)</li> <li>• 3-21-9 Quemerford (on priority list)</li> <li>• 3-21-10 Yatesbury, The Avenue</li> </ul> 3. To add funding issue already on the priority schemes list:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-21-13 Calne Sandpit Road - £8,709.40</li> </ul> 4. To move the following issue to the priority list and allocate funding:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-22-17 Calne, The Strand - £595</li> </ul>	<b>8:45pm</b>
14	<b>Urgent items</b>  Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.	
15	<b>Close</b>  The next business meeting of the Calne Area Board will be on 23 May 2023, at 6:30pm.	<b>9:00pm</b>



# MINUTES

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**Finish Time:** 8.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chairman), Cllr Tom Rounds (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney and Cllr Ian Thorn

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Perry Holmes – Director of Legal and Governance  
Ros Griffiths, Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager  
Louisa Young – Area Board Delivery Officer  
Dom Argar – Technical Support Officer  
Stuart Figini - Senior Democratic Services Officer

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Calne Town Council – Alan Hill and Robert MacNoughton  
Calne Without Parish Council – Ioan Rees  
Hilmarton Parish Council – John Henley  
Heddington Parish Council - Dave

### **Partners**

Diane Gooch - Older Peoples Champion

### **Others**

Martin Nye – Bremhill History Project

**Total in attendance: 20**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
47	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Area Board meeting and introduced the Councillors and Officers present. In particular, the Chairman welcomed Louisa Young, Area Board Delivery Officer, who would be supporting the Area Board and the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) going forward.</p>
48	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabel McCord – Bremhill Parish Council</li> <li>• Mark Edwards – Calne Town Council</li> </ul>
49	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>
50	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
51	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the following written announcements which were noted by the Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Living Update</li> <li>• Calne Warm and Well – 8 December 2022 – 2.00pm Calne Library</li> <li>• Monthly Update from Community First</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council Grants for Electric Vehicle Chargers</li> <li>• Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Alliance (BSW Integrated Care Board) Update</li> <li>• Wiltshire Climate Strategy Delivery plans</li> <li>• Building Bridges, Support available for Unemployed/not in education</li> <li>• Briefing Note – Temporary Events Notices (TEN's)</li> </ul>
52	<p><u>Shared Lives Wiltshire</u></p> <p>The Area Board agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting on 7 March 2023 as the presenter – Jane Linkson was unable to attend the meeting.</p>



Partner Updates

To receive updates from the partners listed below:

a. Wiltshire Police

The Area Board received and noted the written report attached to the agenda pack. The report provided detail about the performance of the Police over the previous 12 months to September 2022, a summary of all crimes in Calne between September and November 2022, hate crime overview and local priorities update.

b. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

There was no written report available for this meeting

c. Healthwatch

The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack.

d. Health – Integrated Care Board (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group)

The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack.

e. Calne Community Safety Forum Update

There was no report available for this meeting.

f. Parish Councils

i. Calne Without – A verbal update was provided by Eion Rees covering the following areas:

- Provided grants of £8,500 to the local community
- Concerns at the Boundary Commission reviews – Alan Hill suggested that issues about the Boundary Commission proposals should be raised at a Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting as there county wide concerns. He indicated that his comments had been forwarded to the Boundary Commission
- Consideration of a number of local planning applications within the Parish
- The Parish agreed to no increases in the Parish Precept
- The Climate Change Group held an energy saving and nature day and purchased a number of thermal imaging cameras for resident's use
- The purchase and installation of two speed indicator devices
- Consideration of proposals to update the Parish Code of Conduct

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Heddington - A verbal update was provided by Dave on enforcement action on planning applications</li> <li>iii. Hilmarton – a verbal update was received from John Henley covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The speed limit review resulting in no change on the A3102</li> <li>• The Parish Precept being considered by the Parish Council meeting on 7 December 2022</li> <li>• Upgrades to the Parish playpark</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>g. Calne Town Council – written and verbal updates were received from Mark Edwards and Alan Hill on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the Full Council meeting held on 28 November the Town Council agreed a NIL increase in its precept request for 2023/24</li> <li>• The Christmas Festival of Lights held on Saturday 26 November was a great success</li> <li>• At the Full Council meeting held on 28 November the Town Council agreed to ask that Calne is included in a single parliamentary constituency rather than two</li> <li>• Following the resignation of Simone Partner an election has been requested by 10 electors and will be arranged on or before 7 February 2023</li> <li>• The Town Council will be at the Warm and Well event on 8 December - a survey has been launched and everyone is encourage to complete it at this link - <a href="https://surveyhero.com/c/i7vbpbjr">https://surveyhero.com/c/i7vbpbjr</a></li> <li>• At the Full Council meeting held on 28 November approval was given to Calne Town Football Club Ltd’s proposal to demolish and redevelop a club house at the Bremhill View ground along with an accessible toilet to serve North End Play Area which should be built next year</li> <li>• A total of £10,000 has been allocated to the Calne Town Charity Hardship Fund - application forms available from Bank House or by email <a href="mailto:calne@calne.gov.uk">calne@calne.gov.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>In addition, Alan Hill commented on the potential health risks in relation to the rollout of 5G masts and the cost of EV charger cables. The Chairman suggested that 5G masts were a national issue and concerns should be taken up with the Government.</p>
54	<p><u>Area Board Priority and Working Group Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the Area Board Local Priorities report for December 2022.</p> <p>He explained that each priority theme had a series of more specific local actions that the SEPM and Area Board Delivery Officer would work with the Area Board</p>

Members to positively address and take forward.

The following updates were received for each of the priority themes:

1. Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people – Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney reported that the Calne Local Youth Network (LYN) last met in June 2022 and their next meeting scheduled for 14 December 2022 where Celia Stevens would be attending from the Environment Group. Cllr Pearce-Kearney highlighted that the Group would be focusing on growing the LYN during 2023 and developing projects that supported the mental health of young people. It was noted that funding was still available for projects, and it was expected that grant requests would be available for consideration at the next Area Board meeting.

Alan Hill commented on the issues with the transport of pupils from Calne to Chippenham and Swindon when using the number 55 bus service. Cllr Ian Thorn indicated that there were a number of issues at the bus station in Swindon that could impact pupils from the Calne area. The Chairman agreed that further discussions were necessary and these should be continued outside of the meeting.

2. Addressing climate change – Cllr Ian Thorn reported that the Working Group met on 14 November 2022 and ongoing discussion focused on key issues relating to active travel, sustainability of the Sustran's cycle route, engaging with the local community, air quality and a youth climate event is being organised in partnership with the LYN and local secondary schools. The next meeting is scheduled for 23 February 2023.

3. Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people – Cllr Tom Rounds and Diane Gooch, Older People's Champion, reported on the Calne Older People's Voices Group which met on 11 October 2022 with discussions focussing on inequalities and falls prevention, dementia awareness sessions, Calne Hardship Fund and helping residents through winter. The Health and Social Care Forum met on 20 October 2022 and discussed the Autism Hub, Get Out Get Active launch in Calne and the cost of living. The Calne Warm and Well information event on 8 December 2022 was being promoted to key groups. The Reconnecting Group Celebrating Age event was planned for December 2022.

Cllr Ian Thorn reported that he had attending a walk around Calne with Diane and Becky to identify and record issues with footpath surfaces and dropped kerbs and the impact to older people in relation to falls and trip hazards with potential schemes to be considered by the LHFIG.

The Area Board noted that Northlands Surgery, Calne were actively supporting the work being undertaken in connection with this priority theme, although it was disappointing that other surgeries in Calne were

	<p>not willing to be involved. The Area Board expressed disappointment with this and suggested that Cllr Rounds approach two other surgeries to discuss this matter further.</p> <p>Alan Hill commented on a recent meeting of the Patient Liaison Group, chaired by Glenis Ansell, and his discussions with the Practice Manager of Beversbrook Medical Centre.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Diane for the fantastic work she does in Calne as the Older People’s Champion.</p> <p>4. Promoting and supporting initiatives to address economic inequalities - Cllr Tony Trotman reported that funding had been allocated to Calne Foodbank in December 2022, the Calne Health &amp; Social Care Forum is working in partnership with Calne Town Council and the Area Board to deliver Calne Warm and Well on 8 December 2022. The Warm Spaces Survey and interactive community directory and cost of living support and signposting has been promoted to the community along with details about the FUEL holiday programme.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>That Cllr Rounds approach Patford House Partnership to discuss their future involvement of Patford House Surgery and Beversbrook Medical Centre with the promotion of wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people.</b></p>
55	<p><u>S106 Working Group - Meeting Update</u></p> <p>The Area Board received and noted the minutes of the S106 Working Group meeting held on 10 November 2022 and an update from Cllr Tony Trotman on the work of the Working Group.</p>
56	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board received updates on the following projects that had previously received grant funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bremhill History Project – Martin Nye introduced the project and reported on the work undertaken to research and record the history of the Parish. He commented on a successful Bremhill History Festival, book publication and how the project will progress in the future.</li> <li>• Friends of Marden Valley – Robert McNaughton introduced the work undertaken by Nick Self to record the bio-diversity of the Marden Valley and circulated a booklet to Members detailing the information collected. The Area Board noted that the second Marden Valley Festival was scheduled for 18 March 2023.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked both Martin and Robert for their very informative</p>

	presentations.
57	<p><u>Local Highway and Footpath Improvements Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the notes and considered recommendations arising from the LHFIGs meeting held on 20 October 2022.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the discussions and updates outlined in the report.</li> <li>2. To close the following Issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3-21-12 Cherhill,</li> <li>b. 3-22-3 Calne The Pippin and Community Transport Strategy item.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. To add the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3-22-9 Mile Elm (£5250.00)</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. To add funding to Issues already on the Priority Schemes List: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 6465 Calne Curzon Street (£49.61) and 3-20-9 Quemerford Footway (£10,409.17)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. To add the following Issues (without funding) to the Priority Schemes List <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3-22-16 Compton Bassett Footway</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
58	<u>Urgent items</u>
59	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Calne Area Board is scheduled for 7 March 2023, 6.30pm at the Calne Hub &amp; Library.</p>



**The King's Coronation – Community Celebrations  
Briefing Note**

**Service:** Enforcement, Highways and Transport.

**Further Enquiries:** Kevin Oliver

**Date Prepared:** 7 November 2022

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**The King's Coronation – Community Celebrations**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To ensure that Wiltshire Council has a robust and straightforward system in place to ensure that communities wishing to celebrate the King's Coronation are signposted to the council's web page where they will find the appropriate tools, support and guidance to apply to hold a community party.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Although King Charles officially became Sovereign on Thursday 8 September 2022 when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, passed away at Balmoral, Scotland, there will be a ceremonial Coronation to follow. The Coronation is a religious service that requires the King to take an oath before his country.
- 2.2 King Charles III Coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The service has been carried out here for more than 900 years, and the King will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Monarch to be crowned in the Abbey.
- 2.3 The Prime Minister has decided to proclaim an additional bank holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III next year. The Bank Holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023, following the Coronation on Saturday 6 May. This will be an opportunity for families and communities across the country to come together to celebrate.

2.4 Similar events have taken place in the county on many occasions with communities holding community parties, barbeques, and tea parties. Wiltshire Council have specified previous guidance and relevant officers will follow the same process as used for past celebrations.

### **3. Procedure and Management of Applications**

3.1 The application process will be a combined departmental effort, as with previous events of this nature.

3.2 The council's Traffic Orders and Highways teams will need time to ensure that all road closure notices and provisions are in place to allow for a safe and enjoyable event for all guests, while maintaining and facilitating access for emergency services at all times.

3.3 The council is committed to managing this process utilising a cross departmental approach. Such departments will include the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Managers, Traffic Orders, Communications, Highways, Streetscene, Wiltshire Police and Waste.

### **4. Production of Applications and Guidance.**

4.1 The departments listed above have met and will continue to meet to discuss and agree responsibilities which will include the production of all relevant application and guidance documents. These will be approved by all relevant internal departments and will be signed off by the Communications Team.

### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 Relevant council departments are aware of the importance that community parties are to the residents of Wiltshire to celebrate the King's Coronation.

5.2 Planning in preparation for these activities is underway and the Licensing Committee can be assured of the successful delivery for the 2023 celebrations.

5.3 The Licensing Committee will be updated by the relevant departments as and when necessary.

**Briefing Note produced by Kevin Oliver (Land Use / Events Authorising Officer)**

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**Area Board Briefing Note –  
Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer**

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Post 16 Skills and Participation – Employment and Skills</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>12th January 2023</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>Catherine Brooks – Employment and Skills Officer</b>
<b>Direct contact:</b>	<b>Catherine.brooks@wiltshire.gov.uk</b>

The Post 16 Skills and Participation team are celebrating National Apprenticeship Week (taking place from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023.)

An Apprenticeship is an opportunity to learn on the job, whilst working you will also have the time to study for a qualification in a relevant field to your job role.

Anybody can become an apprentice at any age and current employees can become an apprentice, - this a great way to up skill existing staff. They range from a Level 2 – up to a Masters Degree! Many young people are choosing a Degree Apprenticeship over University.

Our Work Wiltshire website holds lots of information for anybody looking for an apprenticeship and also for employers. Visit – **[workwiltshire.co.uk/home/apprenticeships](http://workwiltshire.co.uk/home/apprenticeships)**

Also follow our Social Media pages for local opportunities.

Twitter - @WorkWiltshire

Instagram - @young\_workwiltshire – for young people

Any questions or more information? Please email Catherine Brooks, Employment and Skills Officer

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**Area Board Briefing Note – Family Help**

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Family and Children’s Commissioning</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>5 January 2023</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>Lucy-Anne Bryant</b>
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**Family hubs are part of the Government manifesto promise to support children and young people up to the age of 19, or 25 if they have SEND. In Wiltshire we will refer to them as part of our Family Help offer. This is to remove the implication of the support being purely building based.**

We have a vision that all children, young people and families will be enabled and empowered to live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives by having easy and timely access to a locally integrated network of hubs, supported by an online offer. This will bring preventative and early help-support and information services together from all sectors to ensure a county wide delivery that is seamless, relationship based and trauma informed, empowering families to be resilient and live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives.

The Government requires the delivery of a universal core offer which will consist of:

- Maternity services
- Health visiting
- Mental health support
- Infant feeding advice with specialist breastfeeding support
- Safeguarding
- Services relating to Special Educational Needs (SEND)

As well as additional services to include and not limited to:

- Activities for children 0-5
- Birth registrations
- Debt and welfare advice
- Domestic abuse support
- Early language support
- Financial support (2year-old entitlements, 30 hours, universal credit childcare offer, tax-free childcare)
- Health visiting
- Housing
- Infant feeding
- One to one targeted family support services
- Mental health services (beyond Start for Life parent-infant mental health)
- Midwifery/maternity
- Nutrition and weight management
- Oral health improvement

- Parent-infant relationships and Perinatal Mental Health Support
- Parenting support
- Parental Relationship Support
- SEND support and services (inclusive of the Start for Life period)
- Stop smoking support
- Substance (alcohol/drug) misuse support
- Support for separating and separated parents
- Youth justice services
- Youth services-universal and targeted

These services can be either delivered by the Local Authority or Health providers, or they can be commissioned out to private providers or organisations in the Voluntary and Community Sector. Many of these organisations and arrangements already exist and will use the hub facilities where possible.

The first step to developing this countywide service is to work with the communities and ask them what they want and how they want it made available.

An online consultation was launched on 12 January and will run for 12 weeks. There will be face to face consultations in every community area during February and March for families to have their say in how the service can be developed and for them to express the needs for their area. We recognise that the solution for each area is likely to vary dependent on the needs and wishes of the families.

We have asked similar questions in relation to community connecting via the health service, but this is different and very family focussed.

It is important that families are aware of the consultation and that we reach families who do not normally engage with the Local Authority around service delivery, so please can you share with your partners and communities so that we can get a very comprehensive view from families.

Please see the attached poster for further information, and please contact us if you have any queries on [FamilyHelp@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:FamilyHelp@wiltshire.gov.uk)

# FAMILY HELP SURVEY



- ?** Are you a parent or parent to be?
- ?** Are you a young person who needs help and advice?
- ?** Do you know how you can find out information on help available for you and your family?



We want to hear your views on family services and how you'd best like to access them. Please take this short survey and help us shape services for the future.

Web link:

[survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798](https://survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798)

**Wiltshire Council**



## Cost of Living Update – February 2023

The following briefing note summaries sources of information and support, and actions that have been taken by the Council and partners.

For a summary of the resources and recent announcements, take a look at the Council's [dedicated Cost of Living page](#). This includes links to information for sources of national and local support.

The [interactive community directory](#) which helps people to search for warm spaces and community food providers in their area, also lists the easiest bus routes to help people find help more easily.

### Free sims and mobile data from Wiltshire libraries

Wiltshire Libraries are working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The [National Databank scheme](#) is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three.

The free SIMs and mobile data are available from Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster libraries.

To be able to access the National Databank you must be 18+ years old and from a low-income household. One or more of the following must also be true:

- You have no or poor access to the internet at home.
- You have no or poor access to the internet away from home.
- You can't afford your existing monthly contract or top-up.

If you meet the criteria, [contact](#) Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge or Warminster libraries to find out more and to book an appointment.

### Bus fare reductions over winter

Wiltshire bus users can now travel on most routes in the county for just £2 or less for a single fare until 31 March.

The fare price reduction has been funded by the Government and is aimed at getting more people to use buses across the country during the current cost of living challenges.

As part of the promotion, many single bus fares in Wiltshire have been capped at just £2 for both adults and concessions. If the single fare was originally less than £2, it will remain at the reduced price, and many day return tickets have also been reduced.

## **Vital help with energy bills for more homes – the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) Alternative Funding scheme**

The EBSS Alternative Funding is a one-off £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households who have not received the main EBSS payment automatically to help with their energy bills between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023, but are still facing increased energy costs. Individuals will need to apply for the EBSS Alternative Funding via a Gov.UK portal which has yet to go live.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) expects eligible households to include those with a commercial landlord or intermediary, such as park home residents and some housing association tenants. The EBSS Alternative Funding is expected to reach a significant number of vulnerable people, including self-funding residents in care homes. DESNZ is expecting approximately 900,000 households in Great Britain (around 3%) to be eligible for EBSS Alternative Funding. No household will be eligible for both the EBSS payment and an EBSS Alternative Funding payment.

Details of the scheme have yet to be published by the Government, and the Government portal is not yet live, but we expect it to be so in the last week of February. We will publish information on the website as soon as we know more.

## **Support for Council House Tenants and Housing Associations**

The council's tenancy sustainment team has been supporting tenants through the ongoing cost-of-living crisis by assisting them to get access to more than £600,000 in new and backdated benefits, external grants and third-party debt cleared.

In addition, following funding received from the Government's Green Homes Grant, the Council has been improving the energy efficiency of 100 properties. This work has been received well by those who have benefited from it, particularly the fact that homes are being made more energy efficient amid the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. The council is currently focussing the project on those with the greatest potential increase in energy efficiency.

The Household Support Fund has also allocated funding to the Housing Service for outreach work to rough sleepers, and to support Council House tenants to combat hardship through the allocation of vouchers. This is building on the strong engagement work of this team, who under the people they work with well to provide the most effective support.

Through partnership working, and the sharing of information, we are highlighting to housing associations how their tenants can access support. We are confident that their tenants have been able to access services as, for example, Housing Association tenants made up 42% those being supported in the Wiltshire Installs project with 16% being Wiltshire Council tenants, Owner Occupier 28% and Privately rented 14% .



## Households to get new cost-of-living payments from spring 2023

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) announced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, more detail on the payment schedule for the next round of cost-of-living support unveiled in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on 17 November.

The £900 payment for over eight million eligible means-tested benefits claimants (including those on Universal Credit, Pension Credit, and tax credits) starts in spring. Payments will go directly to bank accounts in three payments over the course of the financial year. There will also be a separate £150 for over six million disabled people and £300 for over eight million pensioners on top of their winter fuel payment.

Payments will be made automatically if individuals are eligible and there will be no need to apply. Claimants who are eligible for any of the cost-of-living payments and receive tax credits, and no other means-tested benefits, will receive payment from HM Revenue and Customs shortly after DWP payments are issued.

Exact payment windows will be announced closer to the time but are spread across a longer period to ensure a consistent support offering throughout the year. They will be broadly as follows:

- **£301** – First Cost of Living Payment – **during Spring 2023**
- **£150** – Disability Cost of Living Payment – **during Summer 2023**
- **£300** – Second Cost of Living Payment – **during Autumn 2023**
- **£300** – Pensioner Cost of Living Payment – **during Winter 2023/4**
- **£299** – Third Cost of Living Payment – **during Spring 2024**

Those eligible will be paid automatically, and there will be no need to apply. For more information, please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

## Winter Fuel Payment videos

The DWP has also created some short videos answering key questions about Winter Fuel Payments. The videos are now also available in British Sign Language version

We would encourage you to share these videos:

[Winter Fuel Payment - British Sign Language](#) and [Winter Fuel Payment Information](#)

Most of those eligible do not have to claim their Winter Fuel Payment, as it is awarded automatically.

People who have not been paid by 13 January 2023 are encouraged to check their bank account before contacting the Department's [Winter Fuel Payment Centre](#).

## Energy support for businesses

The **Energy Bill Relief Scheme** launched in under Liz Truss and Jacob Rees-Mogg was Business and Energy Secretary for an initial period of 6 months end at the end

of March. On January 9, Government announced plans to replace the scheme, from the start of April, with a new **Energy Bill Discount Scheme (EBDS)**.

While the old scheme capped energy prices in a blanket fashion, businesses can only benefit from the new scheme when prices are at or above £107 per MWH for gas and £302 per MWh for electricity.

At this point, bills will automatically be reduced. This reduction applies to businesses, charities and public sector bodies and is less generous than previous support provided.

Higher discounts are on offer for energy-intensive businesses such as steelmakers and manufacturers. The threshold at which the discount kicks in is also lower for these firms

The EBDS will run for 12 months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

### **Warm & Safe Support**

Wiltshire Council's friendly library staff are continuing to play their part too, by working with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, to assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors in all but its smallest libraries. All libraries can signpost people to community partners and agencies that can support people through the rising cost of living. Libraries are also collection points for Warm Packs, which includes a hot water bottle and blanket, for anyone who would benefit from some free essentials. In all but the smallest libraries there are at least two energy champions who are trained to offer advice and support people to access help.

There are no criteria for anyone who might need to use the library as a warm space, staff and volunteers will be friendly and welcoming so that people feel as comfortable as possible. There are also opportunities to spend more time in the library to take part in board games, colouring, jigsaws and tea and chat where these are part of a local library programme.

The council is always looking for volunteers to support library services, so if anyone has time to spare and wants to join a friendly team this winter they should email [libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk) or visit [Libraries](#).

### **Rural Communities Energy Support Network**

The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, delivered as a partnership between the Council and the Centre for Sustainable Energy, is looking to recruit people from local communities would like to be able to offer people in their community more support around staying warm and keeping the bills down

Volunteers would gain access to training and resources so they can offer energy saving advice.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or you know someone else who might be, please go to [www.cse.org.uk/rcesn](http://www.cse.org.uk/rcesn) or email [warmandsafe@cse.org.uk](mailto:warmandsafe@cse.org.uk)

### Warm and Safe advice service

The service has continued to play a prominent role in Wiltshire's cost of living support to low-income households, by providing energy, debt, bill advice, small grants, insulation advice and referrals. Since the beginning of October, the service has received **1009 enquires**, made **144 heating and insulation referrals**, **87 Priority Service Register sign ups** and provided **£26,000 in food and fuel vouchers** and distributed **£30,328 of Surviving Winter Grant** to Wiltshire households.

### Boater Support

Public Health working alongside Economic Development secured UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) to support the boater community, who find themselves disproportionately affected by the cost-of-living crisis. The funding has allowed Public Health to mobilise an outreach programme with Julian House to support our boating community with emergency fuel and food vouchers, within an extremely tight timescale to ensure the boaters secured the funding at a time of great need. The project was delivered throughout the 3-week cold period in December and helped **71 Boaters and 4 Roadside Travellers** with both fuel and food vouchers. Households were identified by Julian House based on eligibility criteria: low income, health condition, single parent and children with health condition.

### Wiltshire Installs project

The Wiltshire Installs project is delivered by Warm and Safe Wiltshire and has been particularly busy this winter. The scheme aims to provide new boiler/repairs, Fuel and food voucher support to households that can demonstrate that they comply with the strict eligibility criteria: low income, have a health condition, their energy needs are off the mains Gas network and have a prepayment meter. The scheme has supported **209 households** since the beginning of October 2022, through a mixture of prepayment meter and food vouchers, in addition **11 new boilers** have been fitted where households have had a no heating situation.

### Support for households that rely on life saving equipment.

Warm and Safe Wiltshire has worked in partnership with both Integrated Care Board and Adult commissioning to identify households that rely on life saving equipment, who are disproportionately affected by the high energy prices. Through November families have been offered support through the provision of food and prepayment meter vouchers, to date **13 families** have been supported.

## Community Case Worker

This winter we have increased the ability to support Council, Primary Care, NHS and Voluntary and Charitable organisations with outreach work through the Community Case Worker project (Warm and Safe), which has allowed us to deliver 24 events, outlining the Warm and Safe service and the referral routes available to organisations to allow households ease of access into the service. In addition, this role has allowed us to provide 1 to 1 support and advocacy to people in crisis.

## Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub is available to help advise people through the cost-of-living crisis

As well as specific and general telephone contacts, the Council is making their Wellbeing Hub phone line available for people who may be worried about the cost-of-living crisis and needing some information and advice.

The hub was originally set-up at the start of the pandemic to provide information and advice. Anyone can access the hub and it can provide confidential advice, information, and signposting from the council's friendly team in relation to the current high cost of living.

People can call the hub Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday from 9am to 4pm on 0300 003 4576 or email [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk). The opening hours will continue to be regularly reviewed depending on what the demand is for the service.

## Promoting Fundraising Campaigns

As part of our work with our Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise partners, Wiltshire Council is helping to promote the Wiltshire Community Foundation's [Cost of Living Appeal](#) through our networks.

Building on the work of previous appeals where people who can afford to are encouraged to donate any surplus winter fuel allowances, the wider community is being asked to help generate vital funds to help grassroots voluntary groups and charities in Swindon and Wiltshire who are supporting families and individuals in the face of escalating rent, food, and energy prices.

The money raised through this joint appeal will fund a new grants programme to support projects which are keeping people fed and warm and provide additional practical support and advice to help people cope throughout this period of great hardship.

You can donate to the appeal [here](#) or call the donation line on 01380 738989 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



# Calne Area Board Report

- Calne Community Policing Team
- 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/>

# Your CPT - Chippenham

## **Inspector:**

Pete Foster

## **Neighbourhood Sergeants:**

Mike Tripp (Calne & Corsham)

Jamie Ball (Chippenham)

## **Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Jon Bourke (Calne)

PC Adam Neish (Corsham)

PC Aimee Jenkins (Chippenham)

## **PCSOs:**

Mark Cook (Calne)

Barbara Young / Laura Maplesden / Liam Owen / Linda Staples / Lewis Hawkins /

Stacey Cunningham (Chippenham)

Corie Mapp / Shaun Redmond (Corsham)

# Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Chippenham Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

# Performance – 12 Months to January 2023

## Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime reports a YoY increase of 7.9% in the 12 months to January 2023 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country per 1,000 population.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 7.7% increase in violence without injury crimes in the 12 months to January 2023.
- In January 2023, we received:
  - 9,120 '999' calls, which we answered within 5 seconds on average;
  - 15,117 '101' calls, which we answered within 27 seconds on average;
  - 8,946 CRIB calls, which we answered within 7 minutes on average.
- In January 2023, we also attended 1,470 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 25 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	7,568	17.5
Violence with injury	6,233	14.4
Criminal damage	4,824	11.1
Stalking and harassment	4,161	9.5
Public order offences	4,108	9.5
Other crime type	16,523	38.0

## Chippenham CPT

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	772	16.8
Violence with injury	686	14.9
Criminal damage	520	11.3
Stalking and harassment	471	10.2
Public order offences	459	10.0
Other crime type	1,689	36.7

### Stop and Search information for Chippenham CPT

During the 12 months leading to December 2022, 141 stop and searches were conducted in the Chippenham area of which 70.2% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 61.8% of these searches, no object was found. In 38.1% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 64.4% resulted in a no further action disposal; 39% resulted in police action being taken; 17% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 108 stop and searches
- Black or Black British – 14 stop and searches
- Mixed – 1 stop and search



# Performance – Hate Crime Overview

## Force

Hate Crime is reporting as stable across the Force. Volumes are now reporting flatter across the year. Year on year trend data is reporting increases in Transgender and Sexual Orientation related hate which follows National trends.

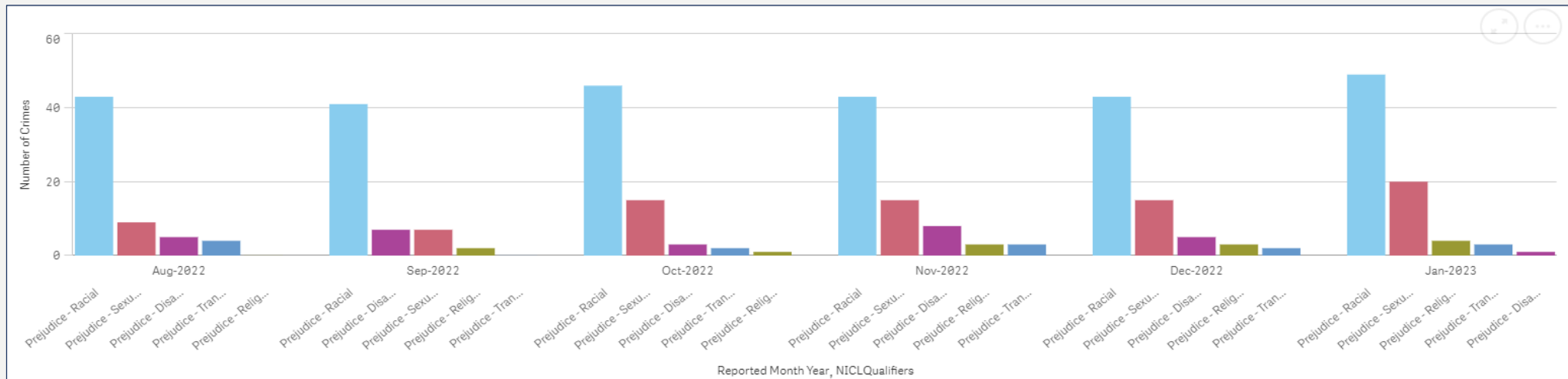
Work by the Hate Crime Silver Scrutiny Panel on hate crime video to raise awareness of Hate Crime and how to report it, including details surrounding how the Criminal Justice System responds to it is ongoing. There is an increased focus on Out of Court Disposal outcomes relating to Hate Crimes.

## Chippenham CPT

	Number of Crimes	Change (number)	Change (%)
<b>Total</b>	66	-12	-15.4%
<b>Prejudice – Racial</b>	48	1	2.1%
<b>Prejudice – Sexual orientation</b>	4	-15	-78.9%
<b>Prejudice - Disability</b>	11	-1	-8.3%
<b>Prejudice - Religion</b>	2	-2	-50.0%
<b>Prejudice - Transgender</b>	3	0	0.0%

Year on year comparison February 2022 to January 2023 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

### Force Hate Crime (6 months to January 2023)



# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
ASB	Youth related ASB in parks and open spaces in Calne. - Locations include - The Pippin (Sainsbury's store area), Pocket Park, Phelps Parade, The Recreation Ground, Newbury Avenue, Castlefields and The North End play park.
Road Safety	Proactive visible police presence to target offending drivers. Drink /Drug Driving and speeding will continue as part of the Road safety priority for local and Specialist Officers
Protecting our most Vulnerable	Victims of crime, exploitation, missing persons and domestic violence.

## New local Inspector

My name is Inspector Pete Foster and I am the new community policing team Inspector for Chippenham, Calne and Corsham. I've been a Police Officer now for almost 16 years, working in both Swindon and Wiltshire on response, neighbourhood policing, custody and our Crime & Communication Centre (CCC). My last posting was as a Force Incident Manager in the CCC where I had responsibility for ongoing incidents.

I started this role in January as part of a re-structure in local policing, meaning that I now have responsibility for our five response teams who Police our county 24/7 and our neighbourhood teams who pick up much of our engagement with our communities and longer term problem solving. This means that I have line management of all staff in the area, which enables me to ensure we manage local issues effectively and an overview of all performance.

Our neighbourhood team now have two Sergeants, Jamie Ball and Mike Tripp, and due to an uplift in Police officer numbers PC Jon Bourke is now solely focused on Calne. PCSO Mark Cook remains as our local PCSO.



# PS 1664 TRIPP update

## **ASB**

Since early January 2023, local police have looked to address the issue of anti social behaviour between youths in the centre of Calne.

It is recognised how concerning the incidents are for residents who have had to witness such behaviour whilst carrying out their daily routines.

Towards the end of 2022 a disorder in the town centre led to the arrest of 10 youths from the Devizes area. Local Police have continued to liaise with Devizes NPT to gather intelligence and prevent further incidents occurring between the youths involved. Investigations continue regarding this incident.

The area of the Pippin continues to require further attention by Police due to an ongoing trend for youths to gather in the area.

Calne CCTV has been vital in capturing evidence and notify Police of any ongoing incidents. This has proved an essential asset for Calne and one which upholds a strong working relationship with local Police.

PCSO Mark COOK has continued with his engagements within the schools to improve lines of intelligence and to educate youths regarding knife crime, anti-social behaviour and exploitation.

PC Jon BOURKE has liaised with Sainsburys, Rise Trust, and the blue bus in order to help engage with local youths.

Local Police will look to continue targeting this particular area of Calne with the aim to proactively address the ongoing concerns.

Officers will continue to be encouraged to walk the area and engage with local residents to ensure we continue to build valuable intelligence and safeguard the community.

## **Road Safety**

Road safety remains a priority for local Police and the residents. We recognise the importance of a visible Police presence and education to reduce casualties on the local roads.

Neighbourhood action week in January saw officers working alongside specialist traffic department in an effort to promote safer roads.

Wiltshire Police are also currently operating Project Zero which will see an increase in Road safety visibility one day a week with the support of Specialist departments and local officers.

Project Zero, which in short, aims to reduce the number of casualties on our roads, will take place every Wednesday across the county.

Whilst encompassing what is very much everyday work for Roads Policing Unit officers, Project Zero will see the department intensify resources in a specific area each week with a focus on the 'Fatal Five'. They are:

Excess speed

Drink/drug driving

Driving while using a mobile phone

Not wearing a seatbelt

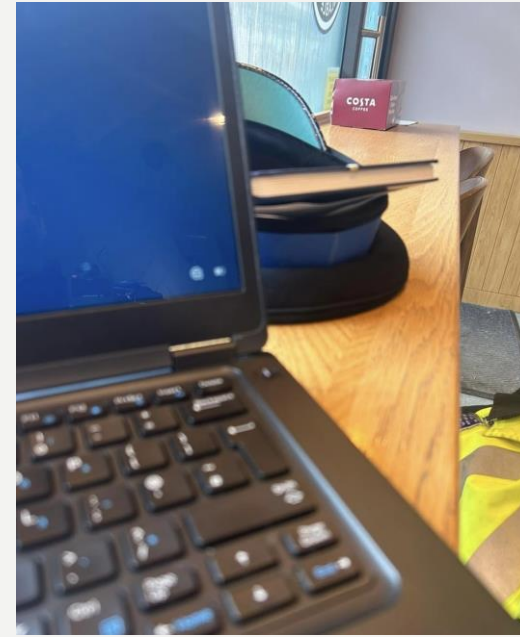
Careless/dangerous driving

Local officers will look to continue their presence on the roads and ensure this is publicised via social media sites and supporting platforms.

# Examples of our recent engagement;



12 school drop in sessions



Community drop in sessions



Targeted patrols



17 speed checks

# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** –

[www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)



## Follow your CPT on social media

- [Calne Police Facebook](#)
- [Calne Police Twitter](#)
- [Chippenham Police Facebook](#)
- [Chippenham Police Twitter](#)
- [Corsham Police Facebook](#)
- [Corsham Police Twitter](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

The screenshot shows the Wiltshire Police website. At the top left is the "WILTSHIRE POLICE" logo. To the right is a search bar with the text "How can we help you?". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with five items: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > About us > CPTs". The main heading is "Chippenham CPT". The text below reads: "CPT Chippenham covers the areas of Chippenham, Calne and Corsham". It then provides contact information: "To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email [ChippenhamAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ChippenhamAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk). Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7." It also states: "You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response. In the case of an emergency please contact 999 and for non-urgent crimes and incidents, please call 101 or [Report a crime here](#)". Finally, it says: "You see a map of [crimes in the Chippenham area](#) by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)".



## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

#### **Community Safety Plan**

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

#### **Prevention**

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### **Fire Safety Complaint**

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 60 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.





## **Recent News & Events**

### **Local man says thank you after firefighters save his life**



A man whose life was saved by Malmesbury firefighters has been to the fire station to thank them.

Ray Gilson, 75, had been at the town's football club on 7 November for a skittle match when he collapsed, banging his head on a pool table as he fell.

The fire crew were on station for their weekly drill night when a member of the public came in and asked for help. A team of six immediately went to the clubhouse and found Ray to be not breathing and unresponsive.

After starting CPR and using their defibrillator to administer four shocks, the crew successfully restarted Ray's heart and, by the time South Western Ambulance Service took him to hospital, he was conscious and starting to respond to the crew.

After 10 days at Bristol Heart Institute, Ray was able to return to his home in Sutton Benger and is now making a good recovery.

On Monday (19 December), Ray visited Malmesbury fire station to give his personal thanks to Watch Manager Chris Harvey, Crew Manager Jamie Johnstone, and Firefighters Bret Gardiner, Alex Hughes, Neil Risby and Jae Wright.

Mr Gilson said: "The fire service saved my life. I know how lucky I was that they were at the station that evening doing training. I wouldn't have been here if they weren't there that night."



## **DWFRS celebrates after Deputy Chief Fire Officer is recognised in New Year Honours List**



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is celebrating with Deputy Chief Fire Officer (DCFO) Derek James today, after he was recognised with a King's Fire Service Medal (KFSM) in the 2023 New Year Honours List.

DCFO James has been recognised for his outstanding leadership and commitment to serving the communities of Dorset & Wiltshire. Derek was instrumental in the formation of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and Authority in 2016. Derek's vision helped protect frontline services, while achieving savings of over £8m per year and subsequently securing high ratings from government Inspectors.

## **Driving in adverse conditions**



The best way to be safe in extremely bad weather is to avoid driving at all. However, that's not always possible. In addition, bad weather can be unpredictable and it's common to get caught out while on the road.

For further information, please visit: -

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/road-safety/driving-in-adverse-conditions/>



## Flooding



Over recent years, we have seen more and more properties affected by flooding during periods of significant rain.

Flooding can be caused by rivers and watercourses overflowing; it can also be caused by drains and culverts being

unable to cope with excess surface water on the roads. Everyone whose home is at risk of flooding should have a plan of what to do if the worst happens.

Please note, the fire and rescue service may not always be able to help in the event of a flood. While your property may be flooded, there has to be a certain level of water before we can pump it away, and we have to be able to pump it somewhere without it having a detrimental effect elsewhere. This often means waiting until the rain has stopped or the river level has fallen.

As such, a fire crew will not automatically be sent; depending on the volume of calls, we may be able to send an officer to assess the situation and, if they feel that we can assist, they will call for a fire crew. The fire service can only help in certain situations, such as if there is risk to life, or water is affecting electrics, leading to a risk of fire. Please only call 999 if these risks exist.

For further information, please visit: - <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/flooding/>

## Energy saving tips



There are various ways to save energy around the home, and every penny counts with the costs of gas and electricity going up as they are. There's lots of advice online about ways to reduce your energy usage – such

as [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home)

Please also visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/save-safely/energy-saving-tips/> for further information and ideas.



## **Demand**

Total Fire Calls for Calne Fire Station for period;- Oct, Nov, Dec 22 (Q3) = 40

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
Deliberate Fires	1
Accidental Dwelling Fires	1
AFA Domestic	9
AFA Non Domestic	2
RTC	4
<b>Total</b>	

**Dean Hoskins  
Station Manager**

**Email: dean.hoskins@dwfire.org.uk**

**Tel: .....**

**Mobile: 07515187344**

## Patients' feedback sparks overhaul of hospital complaints process

Feedback from patients who made a complaint about their care at Salisbury District Hospital is being used to overhaul its complaints handling process.

Healthwatch Wiltshire's latest report highlights the findings of a survey which heard the views of people who had been through the hospital's complaints handling process between April and June 2022.

Patients and their families told us of feeling lost in the system, that they weren't listened to and had little confidence that changes would be made following the issues they had raised. These experiences have led to a review of the way the hospital handles complaints by Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, which manages it.

### What did people tell us?

Our report reveals that people found it difficult to find information on how to make a complaint and didn't fully understand the role of the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) at Salisbury District Hospital.

We also found:

- People didn't feel they were kept properly informed of where they were in the complaints process, timelines were not always adhered to, and updates not always provided.
- There was a lack of signposting to additional support, such as advocacy services.
- Staff sometimes seemed reluctant to take ownership of a complaint.
- People felt disempowered and that they could not challenge decisions made by the hospital Trust.
- People thought that points or questions

they raised were not properly addressed.

- Apologies did not feel meaningful or sincere.
- People were not confident that the outcome of their complaint would help to drive improvements.



### What's next?

The findings of our report will form the basis of a new Complaints Handling Policy, which is due to be launched by Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust in April 2023.

**Victoria Aldridge**, Head of Patient Experience at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We have welcomed the opportunity to work with Healthwatch Wiltshire.

"The Trust acknowledges and accepts the findings from this project and strongly supports the identified areas for improvement... with the findings shaping both our new Complaints Policy and improving the processes associated with this."

**Guy Patterson**, Projects Lead at Healthwatch Wiltshire, said: "We're delighted to see how patient feedback is shaping the improvements the Trust are intending to make. We're also very pleased to see how committed they are to ensuring the patient voice is heard. We will revisit this project later in the year to see what progress has been made with the introduction of the new policy."

[Read the report](#) on our website.



## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

February 2023

### **Neighbourhood Collaboratives**

Work continues with the Neighbourhood Collaboratives programme, the Steering Group is now established, and our second Steering Group workshop was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb 2023. Partners with a broad scope of expertise from organisations within our locality, including representatives from the Area Boards, met to discuss some of the key issues required to roll out the model across the Neighbourhoods. This included reaching an agreement on the Readiness Review, a baseline assessment that will support Neighbourhoods to determine their readiness to create this new approach to working. The programme's launch events will be reviewed and agreed by the Steering Group at our next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February offered an opportunity to respond to some of the points raised in our initial meeting in December 2022. The Steering Group was provided with examples of successful projects within Wiltshire that helped inform the Neighbourhood Collaborative model. The event was also used to share the work starting at our pathfinder site in Bradford on Avon & Melksham. The pathfinder will be the pilot from which to learn and share how a Neighbourhood Collaborative will function. Partners were asked to review a version of the Readiness Review, completed by the site, and discuss how their organisations could contribute ideas and expertise to this collaborative approach. Early interrogation of the data by the pathfinder suggests that falls and falls risk factors will be central to the plan that develops from this partnership.

Feedback following the workshop was very positive and the information provided on the day is currently being shared with Bradford on Avon & Melksham. We intend to bring all those offering support to the pathfinder together at the beginning of March 2023 to review the data and define the cohort within the community that will benefit the most from this Neighbourhood Collaborative project.

### **Covid-19**

After Sunday 12 February, any person aged between 16 and 49-years-old and not in a clinical risk group will be unable to get the initial Covid-19 booster, which for most people would have been their third vaccination for coronavirus.

This date is also the last opportunity for people over the age of 50 to come forward for the autumn booster vaccine, which was rolled out to older people, as well as those who are considered vulnerable, at the end of 2022.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, which acts as an independent adviser to the Department of Health and Social, has indicated that the

offer of having the two primary Covid-19 vaccines at any time will also change during 2023, with the overall vaccination campaign being refocused to target those most vulnerable.

A number of Covid-19 vaccination centres across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have closed in recent weeks. The vaccination centre at Bath Racecourse closed in December 2022, and was followed in January by Salisbury City Hall and the Steam Museum in Swindon.



## Chippenham Lions – Auction of Promises

The Chippenham Lions Club Auction of Promises will take place on Saturday 15th April 2023 (7.30pm) at Sutton Benger Village Hall.

Event attendees can bid for a range of fantastic items which can be found in the online catalogue on the Chippenham Lions website (see link below) from 13th March. This includes carriage driving, a gypsy caravan experience, golf and much more. Money raised through the event will be donated to support fun days for young carers in the Chippenham area (through our Wiltshire Young Carers Service) as well as Julia's House Children's Hospice and other Lions charities.

The event organisers are looking for items to include in the catalogue e.g. quirky items, experience days, services, pub meals, crafts, artwork and similar items. If you are able to donate an item, or know a person or organisation who can, please email: [jeff@chippenhamlions.org.uk](mailto:jeff@chippenhamlions.org.uk) (Auction Organiser)

For more information visit: <https://chippenhamlions.com/>

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## New Activities Offered Through Get Out Get Active (GOGA) Programme

Community First is a delivery partner for the Get Out Get Active (GOGA) Programme in Wiltshire, led by Wiltshire and Swindon Sport. We have been working with sector partners and colleagues to support the delivery of new activities and programmes to help people become more active, with a number of new activities launching in Spring 2023.

### Community Gardening at Arundells (Salisbury)

A new, free community gardening project will soon be launching at Arundells in Salisbury. This includes fully accessible gardening activities for people of all abilities. For more information, please contact Helen Akiyama ([hakiyama@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:hakiyama@communityfirst.org.uk)).

### Multi-Sports & Fun Activities (Calne)

Free, weekly multi-sports sessions will begin from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (11am-12.15pm) at Calne Leisure Centre. All ages and abilities are welcome. For more information or to register your place, email [sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk).

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## Youth Action Wiltshire Minibus Appeal

Youth Action Wiltshire is currently fundraising for a new minibus to support delivery of the service in 2023 and beyond. The 'Destination Adventure' appeal has currently raised £2,586, with an additional £1,600 in pledged donations for a total of £4,186.

We are still a little way off our target of £30,000 and we would be very grateful for any support which local businesses and organisations can offer to help us reach our goal.

For more information and how to donate visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/yaw-minibus> or email [fundraising@youthactionwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@youthactionwiltshire.org.uk)

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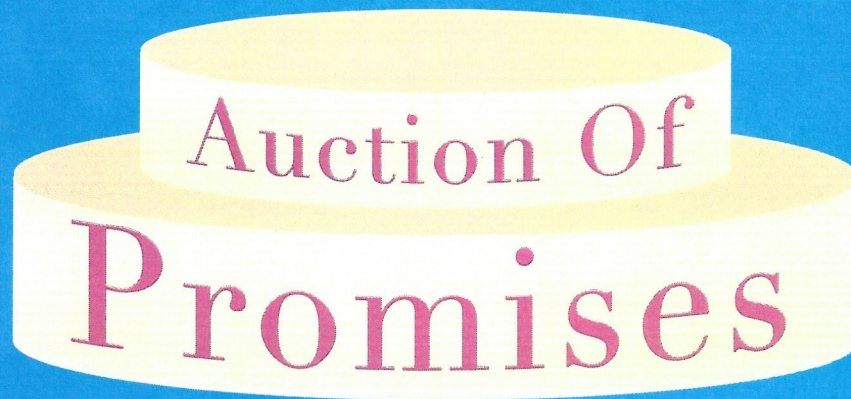
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21<sup>st</sup> February 2023



# Chippenham Lions

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Promises to Include: Carriage Driving, Gypsy Caravan Experience, Golf & much, much more



All money raised will go towards Julia's House Children's Hospice, fun days for Young Carers and our own Charities



# Calne Town Council

- We welcome Cllr Ashley Martin to the Town Council as a new member for the Chilvester and Abberd Ward following the election on Tuesday 7 February.
- The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Civic Awards takes place on Friday 17 March from 6pm – everyone welcome.
- A brand-new Sports and Social Group has started at Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility on a Tuesday 1pm-2pm for £3 a session. Enjoy a variety of low impact activities.
- Calne Spring Sing returns on Saturday 25 March to the Town Centre
- What would you like to see at Calne Pride on 4 June? We want to hear your ideas! Email [calne@calne.gov.uk](mailto:calne@calne.gov.uk) to let us know.
- The Town & Community Matters agreed funding so that the Blue Bus can continue to visit Calne on a Friday evening to provide youth outreach. This is in addition to funding agreed for the Rise Trust Youth Team.
- On Street Parking and Waiting Review - The next LHFIG meeting is scheduled for 28 April; the deadline for receipt of items to appear on the Town Council agenda is 14 April.
- The Town Council has agreed to fund two hours free parking at the Church Street car park again in 2023. "Parking is free for two hours at the Heritage Quarter Car Park, accessed off the A4, The Strand. Please display a ticket to unlock your free two hours!".
- Calne Town Council has successfully achieved a Foundation Award as part of The Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS)
- An invitation has been extended to the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting of the Town Council - it is hoped this can happen on Monday 27 March.
- Calne Town Hall hosted two performances in January of "Cinderella 2 or Buttons Bounces Back!" By Tor Theatre. Over 140 residents were treated to seeing the panto and a selection of delicious refreshments that had been provided by a range of local organisations and supported by Diane Gooch and the Reconnecting Group.

## **Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan – survey:**

Employers survey has been launched.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ArmkMZGvyn>

Employees survey has been launched.

To support residents of the Calne area the Neighbourhood Plan aims to encourage a wide range of jobs and business opportunities. To do this we need to understand more about the way you work, by filling in our short online survey you can help us plan for the future.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tXaQT3a2Dp>

## **Calne in Bloom - survey**

You can help shape the future of Calne in Bloom by completing our short survey:

<https://forms.gle/EtvJWenN4z9jpNgq7>



<b>Report To</b>	<b>Calne Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, 07 March 2023</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Calne Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Calne Area Board. These could include, community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> 2022-23	£ 20,871.00	£ 17,843.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 2,379.93	£ 10,306.40	£ 3,225.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 18,491.07	£ 7,536.60	£ 4,475.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 3,053.59	£ 2,436.60	£ 1,475.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1079</a>	Youth Grant	Councillor Initiative	Youth Event at KGA	£1400.00	£700.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            Building on the amazing ECOFEST we had last year which targeted younger children and families but that we needed something different to involve teenagers. This will feature a plastics workshop or upcycling/recycling one at Kingsbury Green Academy. There will be presentation and a practical activity to do. The session will focus on positive messages and ways the students can make a difference.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG906</a>	Community Area Grant	Calne Town Football Club	Calne Town Club House refurbishment	£160000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Calne Town Football Club Ltd was established in 1886. It is a thriving Football Club situated next to the Bremhill Social Club. Calne Town Council are the landowner and leases the buildings and the grounds to Calne Football Town Club Ltd on a nine-year lease. The council has agreed to extend the lease until 2041 - expected completion by early Feb '23. The existing 1980's clubhouse was erected in 2015, donated by the previous Chairperson. What was an old site office building, the clubhouse have become an unsafe, unrepairable, and Health and Safety risk. It is single skin with no insulation and with no accessibility access. Calne Town Football Club Ltd are committed to the improve the facilities at Bremhill with the delivery of the clubs' 10years Development Plan. The club have replaced the pitch floodlights for the main and training pitch. The pitch perimeter fencing. A new roof to the changing rooms and hot water boilers. The removal of asbestos to the back of the stadium. Annually, Calne Town Football Club Ltd organised the Party on the Pitch as well as hosting the presentation event for FC Calne. A well organised Community Event for the town to enjoy with live music creating a family atmosphere. Calne Town Football Club Ltd are seeking approval to extend the boundary to enable the new club house to build and and facilitate the provision of toilets for the North End Play area. Subject to approval from Planning. This would include the new welfare facilities. Calne Town Football Club Ltd have employed an architect who has surveyed the site and has drawn up plans.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1025</a>	Community Area Grant	The Lansdowne Hall	Project CCTV Update	£4302.00	£2151.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Our project is to replace our external CCYTV system which due to its age no longer operates. We have experiencing many case of anti-social behaviour in our car park, some of which infringe upon our close neighbours . We have had discussions with the police and enclose a detailed report from them that supports our request for funding.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1043</a>	Community Area Grant	Sustainable Calne	Sustainable Calne Thermal Imaging Camera Loan Scheme	£605.96	£286.48
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>With both CTC and Wiltshire Council having declared a Climate Emergency, together with the steep rise in energy costs to households, it has become increasingly important for residents to understand where heat is lost from their homes in order to reduce energy needed to keep their home warm. The use of the cameras can assist residents in identifying these heat loss zones more precisely and thereby hopefully be able to put in place measures to reduce the loss. Suggestions for this, combined with an information talk on insulation will form part of the project.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1044</a>	Community Area Grant	Marden House Centre	Structural repair to Marden House	£150000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Marden House Centre is an historic building which was renovated in the early 90's as part of the 'Calne Project' which aimed to regenerate the town following the closure of its major employer. Structural surveys have been undertaken that have identified the need for structural repairs to the main hall masonry and roof beams as well as structural connections to tie together the outer walls on the east end of the building. Planning permission has been granted and Environment Agency approval obtained. Work is expected to start in July 2023.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1046</a>	Community Area Grant	Calne Clean Up Crew	Calne Clean Up Crew Town Centre Planter Project	£7000.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Calne Clean Up Crew continually look for opportunities to improve the local environment and work in partnership with Calne Town Council and local voluntary groups in this aim. The group wish to purchase and install: 3 tree planters to be placed on the pedestrianised High Street. 4 smaller planters to be placed outside shops in Phelps parade. Funding for 50% of the cost is being sought from the Area Board, 25% from Calne Town Council and 25% from a regeneration fund. Crowd funding from the local community can also be used to fill any shortfall.</b></p>					



Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG373</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network known as WSUN	Administration support for Calne Health social care and Wellbeing meetings	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>WSUN would provide administrative support for 4x Calne Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Meetings. These will face to face. We will provide support to the Chair of each meeting, this will include preparation of agendas, circulation to members, and minute taking.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG965</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network known as WSUN	Administration support for Calne Voices meetings	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>WSUN would provide administrative support for 4x Calne Voices Meetings. These will face to face. We will provide support to the Chair of each meeting, this will include preparation of agendas, circulation to members, and minute taking.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG968</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Calne Seniors Reconnecting Group	Reconnecting group	£10773.60	£2000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To provide support to Calne seniors to reduce social isolation and help with mental health and wellbeing.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG994</a>	Youth Grant	The Open Blue Trust	Open Blue Bus in Calne	£9200.00	£4400.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Open Blue will visit Calne Town Centre weekly for at least one hour on a Friday evening providing a place for the young people of Calne to meet up, hang out and have fun. We will provide board games, electronic games and table football as well as toasties, hot chocolate, biscuits and squash. All activities will be free at the point of delivery.</b></p>					

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- ◆ Community Area Grants (capital)
- ◆ Young People (revenue)
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young person's funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub-groups of the Area Boards.

## 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## 4. Financial Implications

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## 5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## 6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

## 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

## 8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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# Overview of children in care

- 12 million children living in England
- 400,000 (3%) involved with children's social care
- 80,000 (0.03%) are Children Looked After (CLA) in England
- 468 are Children Looked After (CLA) in Wiltshire

# Overview of children in care

- 264 children living with 168 Wiltshire Council foster carers
- 105 children living with foster carers via independent agencies
- Experiences – trauma, separation & loss
- Trauma impacts on all aspects of a child's life and view of the world



# Calne- latest update

- 22 children in care, still short of 15 local fostering family
- In Calne we're looking for more foster carers to step in and provide homes for children from Calne and also those from the surrounding areas
- The situation across Wiltshire is near crisis point as we now have few alternatives available with independent fostering agencies (IFA) carers, but we need to look after and care for all of our children, irrespective of resources
- Main focus is to find safe homes for our Children in Care
- Across Wiltshire we are still in need of at least an additional 30 foster carers



# Who makes a good foster carer

- Anyone aged 21 & over, with a spare bedroom can foster
- Have a good sense of humour, plenty of tolerance & understanding.
- Enthusiasm to make a difference to young people's lives
- Commitment to find a way through difficult times



# The impact of fostering on Natasha's life



- 1 minute & 21 seconds – please watch/listen, as it's really powerful

# Could you help?

- Promote fostering to your local community
- Listen to Natasha – then think, if every councillor recruited just one fostering family, what a life changing difference that would make to so many children
- Let us know places/events where we can successfully promote fostering in your area
- Share and 'love' our messages on social media  
Follow Facebook "Fostering in Wiltshire"  
Follow Twitter @ FosterWilts





# Contact us

## **For more information from our fostering service:**

Contact: Fostering Recruitment Duty

Call: 01225 716510

Email: [fosteringrecruitment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringrecruitment@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## **For those interested in becoming a foster carer:**

Call: 0800 169 6321

Text: 'Foster' to 60002

Email: [fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Website: [www.fosteringwiltshire.uk](http://www.fosteringwiltshire.uk)



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## Area Board Local Priorities report – March 2023

The Calne Area Board in June 2022 reviewed available local data and evidence and combined this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree five local priority themes for Calne:

- ❖ **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people**
- ❖ **Addressing climate change**
- ❖ **Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people**
- ❖ **Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities**



Each priority theme has a series of more specific local actions that the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer will work with the Calne Area Board to positively address. The full action plan can be found at the end of this document.

### **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people**

The Area Board model supports provision for young people aged 13-19 years and up to 25 years for those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities to access sufficient positive leisure time activities which improve their well-being.

The Calne Local Youth Network has been established to engage, collaborate and information share with youth organisations for the benefits of young people in the Calne community area. There are over 10 organisations in the LYN that work together to support young people in the area.

The Calne Area Board makes a significant investment each year into supporting positive opportunities for young people through the Youth Grants funding scheme. The Area Board will discuss all youth grant applications with the LYN to allow young people to champion and make recommendations to the Calne Area Board.

#### **Updates:**

- The LYN last met on 14 December – meeting notes are included in the Area Board agenda pack. Themes discussed included increasing engagement with the local schools and an environment focused initiative to assist with engaging with young people.
- Next LYN meeting – 7 March.

### **Addressing climate change**

The Calne Environment Working Group has been established to bring together key local organisations to facilitate the development of this area board priority. The group identifies and develops actions relating to the Environment in response to the Area Board Action Plan and makes recommendations to the Calne Area Board. Community groups and organisations involved include Calne Town Council, the Parish Forum, Friends of the Marden Valley and Sustainable Calne.

#### **Updates:**

- A working group meeting took place on 23 February. Discussion focused on Air quality and the draft AQMP, Youth environment workshops in partnership with the LYN and Kingsbury Green Academy and 3 grants with an environmental focus which were fully supported by the group.
- Next meeting scheduled to take place on 18 May.
- Wiltshire Council Climate Team update circulated.

**Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people**

The Area Board makes investment each year towards projects aimed at supporting wellbeing and combating social isolation and loneliness in older and vulnerable adults. Projects supported since April 2022 have included: Big Get Together, Falls Prevention and Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Over 20 local groups and organisations are represented on the Calne Older People’s Voices and Dementia Group and the Calne Health and Social Care Forum. Both groups help to facilitate discussion and action around this priority theme and are supported by the Older People’s Champion.

**Updates:**

- Calne Older People’s Voices Group meeting held on 17 January. Discussion themes included Inequalities and Falls Prevention and Dementia Awareness.
- Health and Social Care Forum meeting held on 26 January. Discussion covered Cost of Living and Hearing and Vision
- Reconnecting Group Christmas Concert held at Calne Town Hall on 20 December.

**Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities**

The Area Board councillors will work with WC services, partner organisations and voluntary and community sector organisations to promote and support initiatives which address economic inequalities and help to alleviate pressures on the cost of living.

**Updates:**

- Funding allocated to Calne foodbank December 22.
- Warm spaces and community providers promoted.
- FUEL holiday programme promoted to local schools / LYN.
- Calne Health & Social Care Forum worked in partnership with Calne Town Council and Calne Area Board to host **Calne Warm and Well** on Thursday 8 December at Calne Library.
- The aim of the event was to draw together in one place lots of information to help Calne residents stay warm and well over the winter months and to help maximise their income. Calne residents were invited to drop in during the afternoon for a complimentary hot drink and to find out about the support available, from managing fuel bills and debts, accessing tech support and knowing about the network of warm spaces across the town.
- Organisations hosting tables included Wiltshire Citizens Advice, Warm and Safe Wilts, Calne Foodbank, Calne Town Council, DWFR Safe and Well Team and Calne Library.

**Calne Area Board work plan and local priorities**

Priority	Action(s)	Comments/ Next steps	Status
Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people	Develop Local Youth provision, street based and café style in the town and assess provision in the villages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAB Match Funding allocated to Calne Town Council towards development of local youth provision in Calne. Partners engaged: Calne Town Council, Calne Area Board, Rise Youth Trust, Wiltshire Police.</li> <li>• Funding allocated to outreach / safe space projects.</li> <li>• Funding application for Open Blue Bus submitted to AB March 23.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

	Work with the Environment group to develop a young people's Environment themed event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Initiative submitted to fund workshops at Kingsbury Green 23-24</li> </ul>	Amber
	Coordinate and facilitate Calne Local Youth Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider ways to expand membership and strengthen the LYN</li> <li>• Enable and promote a positive youth activities offer to support young people's wellbeing.</li> <li>• LYN meetings held June, Dec and Feb</li> </ul>	
	Encourage projects that promote and support young people to adopt positive voices and social interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy News for Young People project - ongoing</li> <li>• Develop project to engage young people in the production of a Calne Area Happy Newspaper. First phase COMPLETE, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase to be progressed at next Youth Forum.</li> </ul>	Amber
<b>Addressing Climate change</b>	Encourage and promote active travel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage and promotion of a joined-up safer cycling/walking</li> <li>• Provide an E-Bike charging point in the town centre –</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linked with s106 group to develop signage and map project, regular reporting back through working group.</li> <li>• £3,500 transferred to Calne TC on 10/03/22. Likely to be in Heritage car park. Timescales TBC</li> </ul>	Amber
	Sustainability of the Sustrans Cycle Route <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain an overview of work being undertaken through the LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group) to develop the route as a serious cycling alternative to the A4 (including addressing longevity of leases)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Thorn to update future meetings from the LHFIG reports to AB</li> <li>• Request for future item at Area Board</li> </ul>	Amber
	Encourage community tree planting / re-wilding schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and record tree planting and rewilding schemes in the Town and Parishes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project being worked on by Calne Town Council / Sustainable Calne</li> </ul>	Amber
	Engaging the local community An Area Board event to engage with young people from the Community Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop event in partnership with LYN and school. Councillor initiative submitted</li> </ul>	Amber
	Air Quality Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify specific actions from within the existing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Group discussion took place regarding signage possibilities. Update needed</li> </ul>	Amber

	AQA Plan, for future inclusion in this Area Board Action Plan	regarding portable air quality monitoring	
<b>Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people</b>	Audit of the activity clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work had started on pulling together an up-to-date list of activities for older and vulnerable adults and carers, under the Older People Voices group.</li> </ul>	Amber
	Develop and promote activities to address the impacts of COVID-19 on physical activity, deconditioning and falls in older adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health and Social Care Forum (H&amp;W group) continues attempts to identify existing activities (e.g. through the Leisure Centre, Active Health etc)</li> </ul>	Amber
	'Big Get Together' – Event aimed at older people and carers to introduce opportunities to engage in social and healthy activities and support available in	COMPLETE	Complete
	'Tackling Inequalities' Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Falls prevention information and promotion of balance and physical activity underway with the Project group.</li> <li>08/09/22 ABG 781 - £740 towards Promotion and information materials. (match funding with Northlands Surgery - total project £1,480).</li> </ul>	Amber
<b>Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities</b>	Work with Wiltshire Council Regeneration officers, Calne Town Council and Calne Springs to establish actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>08/03/22:</b> The area board noted that the Vibrant Wiltshire Scheme has been postponed and the group will meet again to discuss further action.</li> <li>Discussions will take place between representatives of the Area Board, Town Council and Local Business leaders to gain a feel for the current experiences of local business and possible actions.</li> </ul>	Red
	Work with the Town Council and Citizens Advice/DWP to try and establish the domestic economic issues affecting local families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warm spaces and community food providers promoted</li> <li>Warm Space survey developed.</li> <li>Cost of living information shared with groups and residents</li> </ul>	Amber
	Identify and promote local initiatives to address Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty and IT Poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calne Warm and Well community event organised for 8 Dec 22 at Calne library. Cost of living support, help with bills and energy advice, promoting Calne warm spaces.</li> <li>Promotion of Tech made simple service at library.</li> <li>Promotion of FUEL Holiday camp FREE activities for Young people</li> </ul>	Green



	Calne Foodbank, keep in touch and support in its development and search for new premises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15/10/22</b> Calne Food bank allocated funding</li> <li>• <b>05/07/22</b> Area Board Members and the CEM visited the Calne Foodbank to understand how it operates, the issues it is facing currently and anticipated increased demand in the coming months and issues relating to the development of the service and the search for a new premises</li> </ul>	Amber
	Identify and narrow skills gaps between local business requirements and the local population experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have not yet been any specific actions identified.</li> </ul>	Red

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**24/02/23**



## 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - CALNE AREA YOUTH - Notes:

Chair: Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Wiltshire Council (SPK)

Attended:

Mark Edwards, Calne Town Council (ME)

PC John Bouke, Police (JB)

PCSO Mark Cook, Police (MC)

Celia Stevens, Sustainable Calne (CS)

David Sandberg, The Open Blue Trust (DS)

Gemma Parkinson, Rise Trust (GP)

Louisa Young, Area Board Delivery Officer Wiltshire Council (LY)

Ross Griffiths, Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager Wiltshire Council (RG)



1. **Welcome** from Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney

2. **Apologies**

Patricia Kelly, Kingsbury Green Academy

Ruth Hill, Wordfest and Home Schooler

3. **Celia Stevens – Sustainable Calne and representative from the Environment Working Group** presenting an idea for an environment youth engagement

4. **David Sandberg** – The Open Blue Trust verbal update on the project working with The Rise Trust in Calne. Operates out of open top blue bus parked in the Pocket Park 8pm-9:15pm with the Rise Trust assisting volunteers after 8:20pm. Young people have a place to go they supply toasties and hot drinks, board games and table football. Funding runs until February 2022.

Positive Feedback from all: Area Board Funding would be an option, the next deadline for application is 07/02/23 match funding is needed but note that Volunteer hours count. PCSO Cook suggested contacting Sainsburys for funding/match funding as they are likely to support anything that reduces anti-social behaviour in that area.

5. **Partner Updates:**

**Police – PCSO Mark Cook**

Have increased patrols after an incident involving knives. 11 youngsters from Devizes were arrested. Work collaboratively with the Rise Trust. Have had incidents of anti-social behaviour Sainsburys / Pocket Park and Colemans farm roof being accessed. Positive feedback re The Open Blue Bus returning and Rise Trust's work.

**Rise Trust – Gemma Parkinson**

Work collaboratively with the Town Council, The Open Blue Trust, and Police.

**Town Council – Mark Edwards**

The Town Council will be putting on a Family Panto for free for children and families. They will serve pizza and would like support in ensuring that families for who it would be most benefit to are aware / invited. 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

6. **55 Bus** – this was raised at the Area Board and feedback and comments on the situation with the buses was requested. There is still an issue.

**ACTION** : Contact Phil Grocock, Bus Manager - SPK

## 7. Review of Area Board priorities

### Priority Young People – Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Develop Local Youth provision outreach and safe space  
Continue collaborative approach with Town Council but also engage with parish councils to assess need in villages.
- Review of existing local outreach and safe space arrangements  
Compare approaches with other Area's in the North of the County
- 'Happy News' project  
Continuation

## 8. Recommendations for the area board/action plan:

### 9. AOB

CS advised that the Junior Park run needs more volunteers – youth volunteers could volunteer to marshall or be time keepers.

10. **Next meeting** – meetings to be held roughly every 3 months and ideally ahead of the Calne Area board business meeting – next one is 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**ACTION** : Doodlepoll for availability for next Calne Youth meeting (before 6<sup>th</sup> March) - LY

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	<b>Calne LHFIG – Notes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 10:00 hrs, Harris Room, Calne Library</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendees and apologies</b>			
	Attendees:	Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Chair / Area Board) Cllr Ashley O’Neill (Chair Calne Area Board) Cllr Ian Thorn (Area Board) John Barnes – Calne Without Parish Council Peter Szczeziak – Compton Bassett Parish Council Jackie Day – Cherhill & Yatesbuey Parish Council Jeff Files – Hilmarton Parish Council Alan Hill – Calne Town Council Mark Stansby – Snr Traffic Engineer	Area Board to note.	AB
	Apologies:	Ioan Rees – Calne Without Parish Council Isabel McCord – Bremhill Parish Council Dave Denny – Heddington Parish Council Mark Edwards – Calne Town Council Martin Purslow – Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council Anne Henshaw – Calne Community Transport Becky Chivers – Area Highway Engineer		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of last meeting</b>			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022 were presented to the Area Board on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December, passing all recommendations.	LHFIG to note.	All

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3.	<b>Financial Position</b>			
		<p>The current balance for 2022/23, less previous commitments, stands at £19,237.30 (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Cllr Caroline Thomas, has emailed all LHFIFG Chairs to set out the end of year financial arrangements for the LHFIFGs. All uncommitted funds will be retained by each group and carried forward for use during 2023 / 24.</p>	All to note	All
4.	<b>Priority Schemes</b>			
a)	<b>6465 – Road Safety/Vehicles mounting footpath at Curzon Street (narrow stretch).</b>	<p>The financial arrangements have now been ratified by the Area Board.</p> <p>Highways to issue an invoice to the Town Council for a sum of £300.</p>	<p>Highways to issue invoice</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Chair</p>
b)	<b>Active Travel Issue A3102 Calne Silver Street – alternative pedestrian / cycle route to and from town via Station Road</b>	<p>Scheme has been progressed via Fynamore Gardens and Wenhill Heights using Section 106 funds.</p> <p>Work to install the drop kerbs, bollards and signing has now been completed.</p> <p>A cycle tracks Order is to be advertised to cover sections not already designated as shared use footways.</p>	Highways to arrange Cycle Tracks Order.	Highways
c)	<b>Issue 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road area – request for a 20-mph assessment.</b>	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn &amp; Calne Town Council</p> <p>Proposal is now out to Public Consultation.</p> <p>Closing date for comments / objections is 13/02/23.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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d)	<b>Issue 3-20-9</b> A4 Calne / Quemerford – Request for crossing point to enable access to Quemerford Post Office from Stockley Lane	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Construction was programmed to commence on 24<sup>th</sup> February, with temporary Orders in place to close footpaths and divert pedestrians. However, due to the recent response effort to the wintery conditions, which has delayed ongoing construction projects and with the Term Maintenance Contract ending in March, this has unfortunately now been postponed.</p> <p>The work will now be rescheduled with our new Contractor, to commence as soon as it is practicable to do so.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
e)	<b>Issue 3-21-8</b> C15 Compton Bassett – request for speed limit review	<p>Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the speed limit assessment were reported at the previous meeting. Whilst no changes were recommended, officers were minded to support an extension of the 30 mph (Section 2 of the assessed area). At Section 4, officers recommended consideration of other measures such as white gates, a review of warning signs, and provision of road markings to encourage lower speeds.</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill unhappy about the recommendations following the assessment and has commenced discussions with the Cabinet Member to develop a mechanism to appeal.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until the next meeting.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
f)	<b>Issue 3-21-11</b> Goatacre A3102 – request for speed limit review	Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council	Area Board to note	AB

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		<p>The results of the speed limit assessment were reported at the last meeting. No changes have been recommended and this is perhaps not surprising as there have been no environmental changes along this route since the last review in 2009/10. The criteria for setting speed limits has not been updated since that time.</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill unhappy about the recommendations following the assessment and has commenced discussions with the Cabinet Member to develop a mechanism to appeal.</p> <p>Item to be derred until the next meeting.</p>		
g)	<b>Issue 3-21-9</b> Quemerford, Quemerford Lane – request to improve conspicuity of the junction	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>An edge line (approx. 50 metres) has been painted at a cost now confirmed as £600.</p> <p>Highways to issue an invoice to the Town Council for a sum of £180.</p>	<p>Highways to issue invoice</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Chair</p>
h)	<b>3-21-13</b> Calne Sandpit Road – Request for footway improvements and drop kerbs from York Road / Comet Crescent, ROW CLAN62	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The alternative route through Britannia Drive crosses unadopted land and the landowner(s) intend to close this route.</p> <p>An outline drawing has been produced (see Appendix 2) and the cost estimate, based on the 2023 / 24 rates amounts to £12,442.00</p> <p>A 3 month notice period can begin to close the footpath during construction once the LHFIG and Town Council reach agreement over funding.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £8,709.40 is given for this project.</p> <p>Town Council to confirm their 30% contribution of £3,732.60.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Town Council</p>



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		LHFIG content to proceed, subject to the Town Council confirming their 30% contribution, a sum of £3,732.60.		
i)	<b>3-22-1</b> A4 between Forest Gate and Black Dog – request for simultaneous traffic surveys	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The results of a speed limit assessment were reported at the last meeting. The review has recommended a reduction from National Speed Limit to 50 mph on the sections either side of Studley Crossroads and this is supported by the Parish Council. However the Parish wish to see the section between the gates at Studley Crossroads lowered to 40 mph.</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill unhappy about the recommendations following the assessment and has commenced discussions with the Cabinet Member to develop a mechanism to appeal.</p> <p>Item to be derred until the next meeting.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
j)	<b>3-21-14</b> Calne Mill Street Proclamation Steps – Request for a bollard to deter cyclists	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn &amp; Calne Town Council</p> <p>Work has been delayed due to the late delivery of the bollard. The bollard has now arrived and is to be installed at the earliest opportunity.</p>	Highways to chase the contractor	Highways
k)	<b>3-22-2</b> Derry Hill / Studley – Request to provide a suitable shared use path between Studley and Derry Hill and an onward link to the Calne/Chippenham National Cycle route NCR 403.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the Topo Survey have ben received, but design work is currently on hold whilst discussions continue with the Council's legal team over the issue of land ownership.</p> <p>Whilst the right to cycle along the former Right of Way has been established, this only covers the width of the old path and does not extend the full width of the desired construction area, to meet current standards.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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		<p>A search with Land Registry has revealed a number of owners of pockets of land alongside the path, and it is almost certain that we will need to negotiate transfers of land (hopefully by free dedication) in order to move this forward.</p> <p>We will circulate a briefing note once the exact position has been established through our legal team, but it is likely that sizeable legal fees will need to be included in the cost of this build.</p> <p>The Parish requested a copy of the Topo survey which Highways will arrange.</p>		
l)	<b>3-22-5</b> Calne Bremhill View – request for dropped kerbs and a review of the safety barriers to provide inclusive access to the open green space	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Highways have identified the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x drop kerbs</li> <li>• Extensive hedgerow clearance</li> <li>• Repairs to footway</li> <li>• Replacement Pedestian safety barrier</li> </ul> <p>No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
m)	<b>3-22-8</b> C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads – request for Horse and Rider warning signs for Bridleway crossing of CALW38	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Horse and Rider Warning signs have now been installed. Highways awaiting bill from Contractor.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
n)	<b>3-22-14</b> Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road – request for drop kerbs	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>A ball park cost to install 2 sets of drop kerbs is £2,500.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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		No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.		
o)	<b>3-22-9</b> A3102 Mile Elm – request for “safety measures” and a speed limit review	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  An order has been placed to undertake this work and is expected to be completed mid-March.	Area Board to note.	AB
p)	<b>3-22-16</b> Compton Bassett – request for length of footway in the vicinity of the war memorial	Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council  To convert the highway verge to a standard footway.  Following concerns raised direct to the Parish Council, the Parish no longer wish to pursue a footway but have requested that edge of carriageway markings be painted through this narrow section.	Area Board to note.  Highways to consider request for markings	AB  Highways
<b>5.</b>	<b>New Requests and ongoing Issues</b>			
a)	<b>Issue 3-21-10</b> Yatesbury, The Avenue – request for traffic management measures to control speeds.	Issue submitted by Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council  The Avenue is part of Sustrans Route 403 and is also used by walkers and horse riders. Highways prepared a briefing note for consideration (Appendix 3).  The Parish Council has been unable to reach an agreement on this matter. They will discuss this further with a view to making additional requests for measures. In the meantime they are content for this Issue to be closed.	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.	Chair
b)	<b>3-22-4</b> Cherhill Marsh Lane – request for speed limit review	Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council	Area Board to note	AB

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	<p>and construction of passing places.</p>	<p>The lane is rural in nature and is unlikely to meet the criteria for a lower speed limit. Passing places would need to be constructed to full carriageway depth specification to accommodate the weight of agricultural vehicles. They would need kerbing and the work would have to take place under a road closure. A ball park figure to construct one passing place is likely to be somewhere between £15K and £20K.</p> <p>Warning sign provisions were reviewed as part of a previous CATG project approximately 5 years ago and are in good order. Signs are provided to warn of horse and riders and double bend signs are positioned on approach to River's Brook. There are no signs provided to warn of Pedestrians in the Road.</p> <p>This issue remains a concern to the Parish Council and they have requested more time to consider their options.</p> <p>Item deferred until the next meeting.</p>		
<p>c)</p>	<p><b>3-22-10</b> CALW56 Abberd Lane, section leading from Sand Pit to Hills Site – request for speed limit</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>It should be noted that there is an ongoing consultation on a proposed development on the north side of Abberd Lane, with access to the site from Abberd Lane.</p> <p>Parish representatives have discussed this issue with Hills Waste. Hills will remind their drivers to observe low speeds. Additional signs can be placed as a reminder and further discussions will take place.</p> <p>In the meantime, Highways confirmed that it would be acceptable to remove the national speed limit signs at the junction of Sand Pit Road / Spitfire Way.</p>	<p>Parish reps to ask Hills to remove the signs</p>	<p>Parish</p>

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d)	<b>3-22-15</b> Calne Eastern Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The Group had requested more information on the local bus service operating in Town in order to make an informed decision on this. The Town Council confirmed that the local bus #40 runs from the town centre, along the bypass to Tesco and then returns. The nearest stops to Beversbrook Sports Facility are at Stickleback Road or Beversbrook Tesco.</p> <p>The Town Council have requested the creation of a lay-by on the North side of the A3102, to allow the bus to pull off of the main carriageway. A length of new footway would also be needed to link to the entrance to the sports centre.</p> <p>The LHFIFG requests that Highways undertake a feasibility study and to report back at the next meeting.</p>	Highways to undertake a feasibility study.	Highways
e)	<b>3-22-17</b> Calne The Strand – request for direction signs to Recreation Ground, Rugby Club and Bowls Club	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Highways have visited the location and recommend the installation of 2 sign assemblies, one at the Strand and a second at the junction of Church Street / Mill Street. It is not possible to utilise existing street furniture to mount these signs and new posts will be required.</p> <p>Appendix 4 shows a drawing of the proposed sign for The Strand. The signs will be mounted back to back on two posts at this location. The repeater sign at Mill Street will be smaller and mounted on a single post.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is moved to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate a sum of £595.00.</p> <p>Town Council to confirm their 30% contribution, a sum of £255.00</p>	

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		<p>A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £850.00.</p> <p>The group were content to proceed with this subject to the Town Council confirming their 30% contribution, a sum of £255.00.</p>		
f)	<p><b>3-22-18</b> Calne Tern Close – request to consider staggered barriers or other measures to reduce speed of cyclists</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Ian Thorn and Calne Town Council</p> <p>Hghways have re-visited this site and have ruled out a physical barrier as access for pedestrians needs to be maintained.</p> <p>The only option to consider “Cyclists Dismount” signs, placed at either end of the walk-through. Although there are lamp columns in the vicinity, these are of the fold-down type to enable servicing and therefore signs cannot be mounted on these. A ball park estimate to supply and install 2 signs on new posts amounts to £375.</p> <p>The group were not in favour of erecting signs and suggested some form of temporary barrier, but to retain access for pedestrians / pushchairs etc be trialed.</p> <p>Item deferred until the next meeting.</p>	Area Board to note.	AB
g)	<p><b>3-22-19</b> Calne A3102 Silver Street – Speeding concerns</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Customer has suggested SID deployment and / or traffic physical traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Area of concern is the corner close to the Methodist Church where the footway is narrow.</p> <p>The LHFIG has requested Highways consider what might be done to allay concerns and to report back at the next meeting.</p>	Highways to visit site and report back at the next meeting	Highways

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h)	<b>3-22-20</b> A4 Cherhill (various roads) – request for drop kerbs	<p>New Issue submitted by Cherhill &amp; Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Request for drop kerbs at Park Lane junction with A4 and to consider requirements at Middle Lane, Maiden Lane and Olivers Hill.</p> <p>Aim is to create an accessible route for pedestrians along the A4 between the village and Quemerford.</p> <p>The LHFIG has requested Highways to undertake a feasibility study and to report back at the next meeting.</p>	Highways to undertake a feasibility study.	Highways
i)	<b>3-22-21</b> A4 Cherhill junction with Middle Lane – Request to close Lay-by	<p>New Issue submitted by Cherhill &amp; Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Parked cars causing visibility issues when joining the A4.</p> <p>The LHFIG has requested Highways to undertake a feasibility study and to report back at the next meeting.</p>	Highways to undertake a feasibility study.	Highways
j)	<b>3-22-23</b> Calne Brewers Lane, Shelburne Road, Anchor Road area – request for height and weight limits	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Large vehicles causing damage to property “Island Cottage”.</p> <p>Height restriction cannot be imposed as there are no low overhanging structures. LHFIGs are prevented from imposing weight limits until a new freight policy for Wiltshire has been drafted. “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs or similar can be considered but these are only advisory and access for large vehicles must be maintained.</p>	Highways to investigate and report back at the next meeting.	Highways

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		It was suggested that signs could be placed as part of the Anchor Road Speed Limit project, but the LHFIG has requested that Highways consider the best positions for these signs to be placed.		
k)	<b>3-22-24</b> A4 Curzon Street Calne – request for Traffic Calming Zone and / or part time 20 mph limit during school journey times	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Springfield Academy has raised concerns about road safety by the school on the A4.</p> <p>Traditional calming measures such as humps and chicanes are ruled out due to the strategic nature of the route, and the amount of freight traffic using the route. Only realistic option is to consider a part time 20 mph speed limit, imposed by signing and flashing wig-wags. These would operate during normal school journey times only.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until the next meeting to allow the Town Council to discuss this further with the school.</p>	Town Council to engage with the school.	Town Council
l)	<b>3-22-25</b> Calne Quarr Barton – upgrade of road surface	<p>New Issue submitted by Cllr Trotman and Calne Town Council</p> <p>Request for new surface to enable wheelchair access into Town.</p> <p>This would ordinarily be a Highways Maintenance matter, but under the Terms of Reference for LHFIGs, monies can be used to improve accessibility of footways. However, this is likely to be a costly exercise.</p>	Traffic Engineer to liaise with Area Highway Engineer and report back at the next meeting	Highways
<b>6.</b>	<b>Other items</b>			



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a)	<p><b>Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury</b></p>	<p>The working party are making good progress with this project.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 5 for their latest update.</p> <p>Your attention is drawn to the last two paragraphs of their update, and the leasing of the old railway line between Chippenham and Calne. The working group are paying particular attention to developments as they are keen to see the current route preserved.</p>	All to note	All
b)	<p><b>Calne Without Parish Council Road Safety Feasibility Study</b></p>	<p>The Parish has circulated their Road Safety report to the LHFIG members for information.</p> <p>Their next step is to hold talks with Wiltshire Highways to establish the credibility of the proposals prior to undertaking local consultation.</p> <p>The Parish envisage submitting Highway Improvement Requests for some or all of these proposals in due course.</p>	All to note	All
c)	<p><b>On Street Parking Reviews</b></p>	<p>Responsibility for on-street parking reviews (changes to double yellow lines, time limited parking etc) has transferred from the Network Management Team to the Traffic Engineering Team, with new requests now being filtered through the LHFIGs. This is to include any previous requests submitted to Network Management which have yet to be assessed.</p> <p>The process of undertaking a Parking Review is lengthy, and involves advertising Traffic Regulation Orders. It therefore makes both practicable and economic sense to undertake these (as required) on an annual basis only, with the exception of enforced changes to accommodate other Highway Infrastructure.</p>	All to note / action.	All

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		Moving forward, it is proposed that requests are collated by Town and Parish Councils and submitted to the LHFIG for consideration for the first meeting of each new Financial Year, in this instance on April 28. Lists will need to be submitted using a Highway Improvement Request Form.		
c)	<b>Deadline for submitting LHFIG Requests.</b>	<p>All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be held until the following meeting.</p> <p>Highway Improvement Request forms should be sent to our dedicated mailbox, LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.</p>	To note	<b>All</b>
8.	<p><b>Dates of future meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</b></p> <p><b>All meetings to be held at the Harris Room, Calne Library, commencing at 10:00 hrs.</b></p>			

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Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby

Area Highway Engineer – Becky Chivers

Community Engagement Manager – Ros Griffiths

### 1. Environmental & Community Implications

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1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### **2. Financial Implications**

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Calne Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions are confirmed, Calne Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£9,932.90**

### **3. Legal Implications**

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **4. HR Implications**

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### **5. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

### **6. Safeguarding implications**

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

### **7. Recommendations to Calne Area Board**

7.1 To close the following Issues:

6465 Calne Curzon St (narrow section), 3-21-9 A4 Quemerford Lane and 3-21-10 Yatesbury The Avenue

7.2 To allocate funding to Issues on the Priority Schemes List:

3-21-13 Calne Sand Pit / Comet Crescent £8,709.40

7.3 To allocate the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List:

3-22-17 Calne The Strand (£595.00)



Calne LHFIFG expenditure 2022 / 23 as of 20/01/23

Budget £24,930 + £32,750.10 c/fwd = £57,680.10

Scheme	Estimate	LHFIFG Commitment	Expenditure	Projected Spend
Calne Silver St to Station Rd – Pedestrian access	£2,900.00	£nil	£0,000.00	£2,900.00
C15 Compton Bassett – Speed limit assessment	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£2,500.00 Final	£2,500.00
Curzon St Narrowing Phase 2 – bollards	£1,000.00	£700.00	£1,049.61 Final	£1,049.61
A3102 Goatacre – Speed limit assessment	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£2,500.00 Final	£2,500.00
A4 Quemerford Lane – edge markings	£600.00	£420.00	£600.00 Final	£600.00
A4 Forest Gate to Black Dog – speed limit review	£2,500.00	£1750.00	£2,500.00 Final	£2,500.00
Calne Anchor Rd area – new 20 mph speed limit	£8,600.00	£6020.00	£0,000.00	£8,600.00
Calne Proclamation Steps – installation of bollard	£1,000.00	£700.00	£0,000.00	£1,000.00
Derry Hill Shared Use Path - Topo	£2000.00 (ball park)	£1,400.00	£0,000.00	£2,000.00
A4 Quemerford Footway improvements – surveys	£1,362.89	£954.03	£0,000.00	£1,362.89
Calne Bremhill View – drop kerbs, hedge clearing	£6,000.00 (ball park)	£4,200.00	£0,000.00	£6,000.00
C50 South of Blacklands Cross – warning signs	£1,200.00	£840.00	£0,000.00	£1,200.00
Calne Ramsey Road – drop kerbs	£2,500.00 (ball park)	£1,750.00	£0,000.00	£2,500.00
Calne Quemerford Footway – construction	£14,870.23	£10,409.17	£0,000.00	£14,870.23
A3102 Mile Elm – signing and road markings	£7,500.00 (ball park)	£5,250.00	£0,000.00	£7,500.00
Totals	£57,033.12	£38,393.20	£9,149.61	£57,082.73

Budget £57,680.10

Projected Spend £57,082.73

Balance £597.37

Plus Contributions (details below) £18,639.93

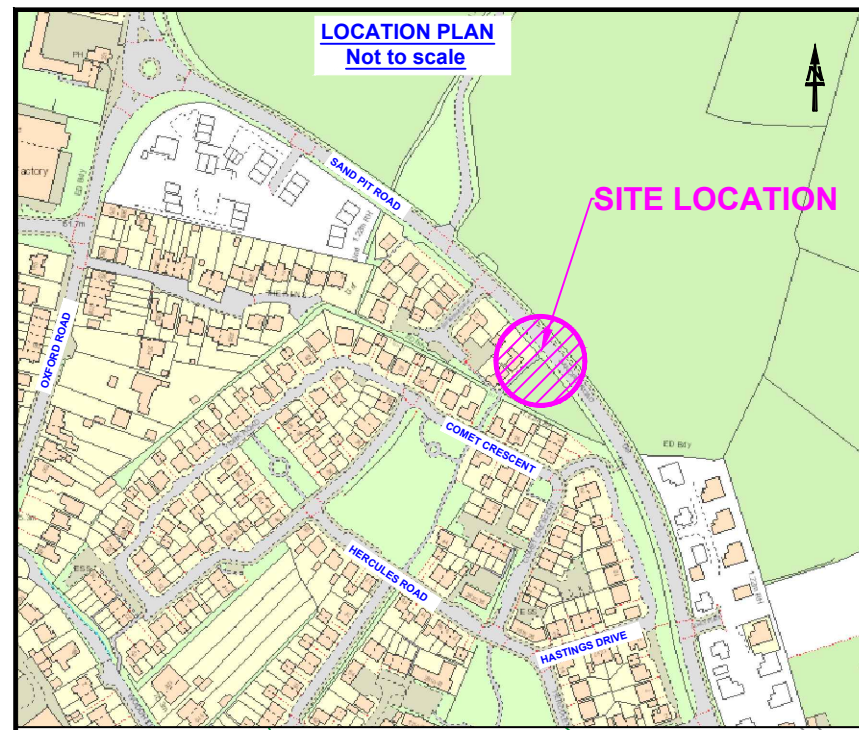
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Contributions

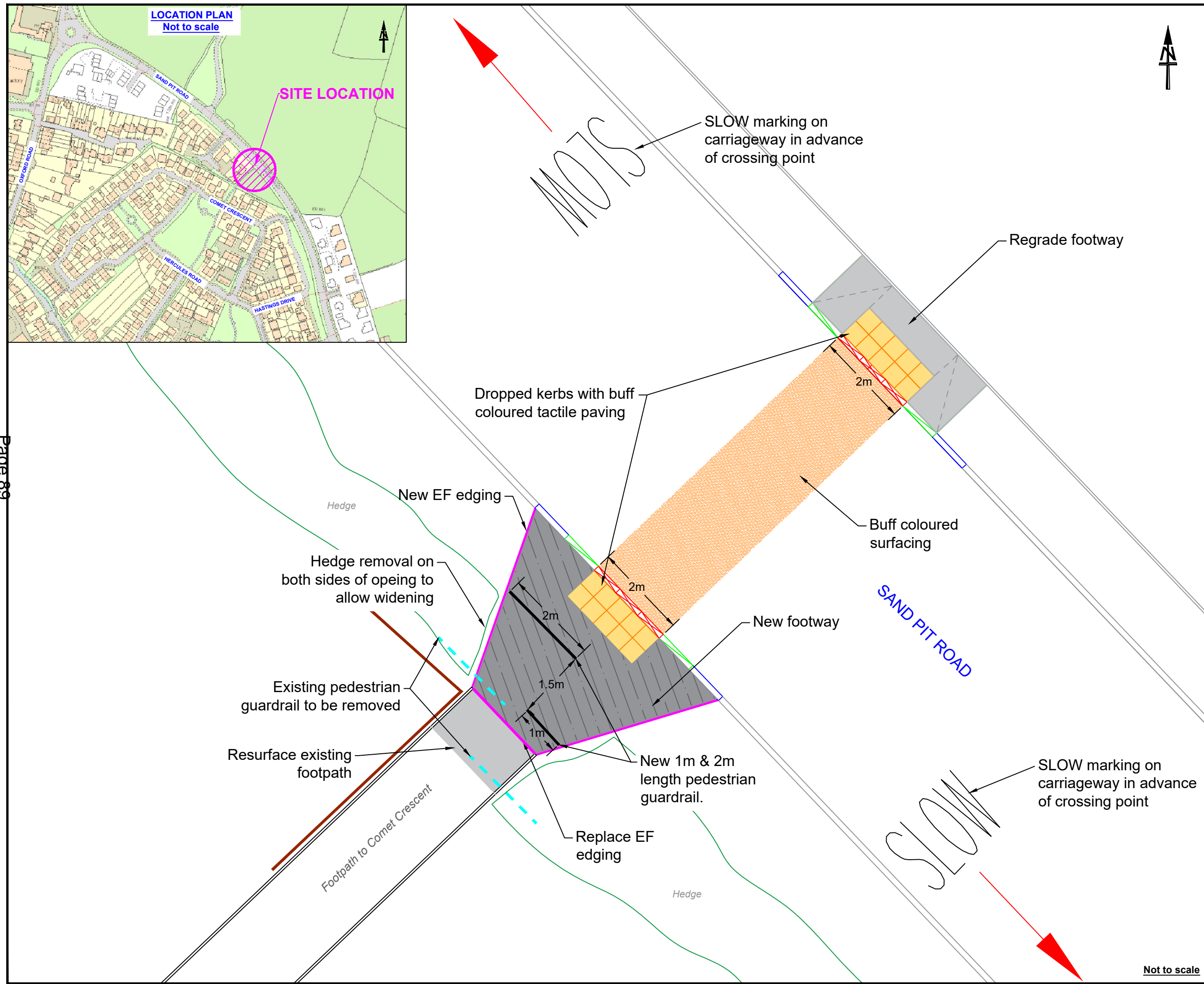
Calne Silver St to Station Rd	£2,900.00
Compton Bassett Speed assess	£500.00
Curzon St Narrowing Phase 2	£300.00
A3102 Goatacre speed assess	£500.00
Quemerford edge line	£180.00
A4 Speed limit review	£750.00
Calne Anchor Road 20 limit	£2,580.00
Calne Proclamation Steps Bollard	£300.00
Derry Hill Shared Use Path Topo	£600.00
A4 Quemerford Footway survey	£408.86
Calne Bremhill View kerbs	£1,800.00
C50 South of Blacklands signs	£360.00
Calne Ramsey Road – drop kerbs	£750.00
Calne Quemerford footway – build	£4,461.07
A3102 Mile Elm – signing & lining	£2,250.00
Total contributions	£18,639.93

Section 106 monies

Compton Bassett Parish Council – to be invoiced
Calne Town Council – to be invoiced
Hilmarton Parish Council – to be invoiced
Calne Town Council – to be invoiced
Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced
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- NOTES:**
- Full footway construction consisting of: AC 6 dense surf 100/150 (20mm thick), AC 20 dense bin 100/150 (60mm thick) to BS EN 13108:-2006, 225mm thick granular Type 1 sub-base.
  - Partial footway construction consisting of: AC 6 dense surf 100/150 (20mm thick), AC 20 dense bin 100/150 (60mm thick) to BS EN 13108:-2006.
  - High Friction Surfacing CI 924 Type 1 BUFF - cold applied MMA resin; PSV 70
  - 125 x 255mm pre-cast concrete kerb type HB2
  - 125 x 255mm pre-cast concrete kerb type DR1/DL1
  - 125 x 150mm pre-cast concrete kerb type BN (6mm upstand)
  - New 50 x 150mm type EF concrete edgings
  - Galvanised pedestrian guardrail
1. The use of this drawing does not absolve the client from his responsibilities under Health & Safety: The Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015.
  2. All works within the confines of the highway shall be signed in accordance with The Department for Transport's 'Traffic Signs Manual' 2009 Chapter 8 'Traffic Safety measures & Signs for Road works & Temporary situations'.
  3. All Road markings shall be laid in accordance with The Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 5: All road marking material shall be formed in thermoplastic material complying with BS 3262: Class A
  4. All works to be constructed in accordance with the Wiltshire Council's Design Guides, the Department of Transport Specification for Highway Works as amended and the requirements of the Wiltshire Council Highways Maintenance and Improvement Works Contract.
  5. All signs & road markings are to be in accordance with 'Statutory Instrument No. 3113: The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016'.

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REV	DATE	DRAWN	CHECK	APPRV	DESCRIPTION

DRAWING PURPOSE:  
 Issue

PROJECT:  
 SAND PIT ROAD - CALNE  
 INFORMAL CROSSING POINT

DRAWING TITLE:  
 OUTLINE DESIGN

SCALES:	As shown	SHEET SIZE:	A3
DRAWING No.	2022/053/CALN/DMK/D002	REVISION:	0
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## Briefing Note for Calne CATG

Area Board Issue 3-21-10 – The Avenue, Yatesbury – excessive speed causing concern for walkers, horse riders and cyclists

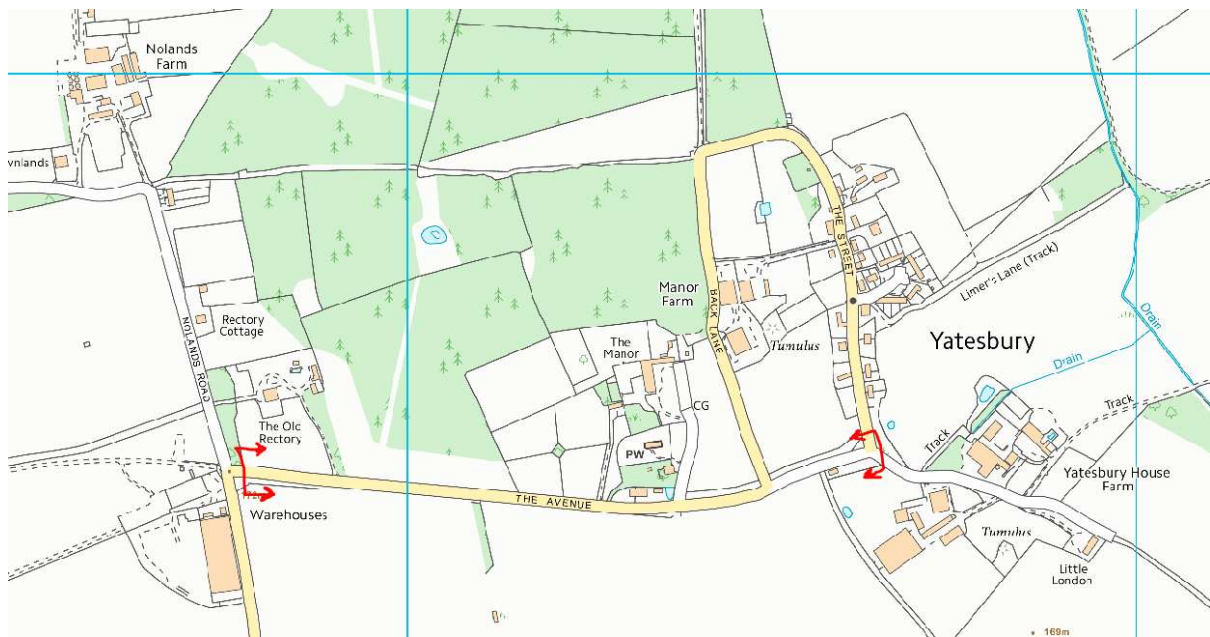
### Background

The area of concern is approximately ½ a mile in length and is situated between the junctions of Nolands Road and The Street (see map below). It is a typical country road, featuring little roadside development, no system of street lighting and is subject to the national speed limit. Traffic volume is low (it is a no through road for motor vehicles) and this section forms part of the National Cycle Network, Route 403.

It is alleged that speeds are high, but there is no data available to support this claim.

The Parish Council has requested calming measures in the form of two chicanes to create a priority system with single flow traffic. However, such a system cannot be considered on an unlit road with a national speed limit.

The CATG has asked officers to consider alternative measures to encourage lower speeds.



### Current Provisions

There are bend / junction warning signs positioned at the western end of the site for both inbound and outbound traffic and a short section of centre line covering this junction. There are some small direction signs indicating Nolands and Yatesbury village and small way-markers for the cycle route.

### Recommendations

Whilst it is not desirable to blight this area with traffic signs or other traffic features commonly found in urban areas, an upgrade of signs and road markings might be acceptable.

For example, signs could be provided to warn of equestrians and cyclists. Also, as the road narrows slightly towards the eastern end near Vulpit Cottages, a warning sign could be

placed to emphasise this along with edge line markings. Consideration could also be given to upgrading the warning signs for the bend / junction at the western end. The current provision is shown below alongside the potential upgrade. Warning signs can also be supplemented with SLOW carriageway markings.



The way finders for the cycle route are quite small and these could be made larger to help highlight the route to all users. Again, these could be supplemented by road markings similar to those shown below:



#### Potential Costs

The uplift on current prices for 22/23 is not yet known, but a sum of around £4,000 should be sufficient to cover all or most of the recommendations given.

Mark Stansby  
23/02/22



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS

Traffic Signs conform to:  
BS EN 12899-1:2007

Sign face material: CLASS R2

Dimensions (mm):  
Width: 1140, Height: 671

Area: 0.77 m<sup>2</sup>

Scale 1:10

x-Height: 62.5

Structure details:

Foundation size (mm): 600 cube

Mount height (mm): 2100

Illumination:  
n/a

Sign Ref: 1

Quantity: 1

Engineer: Mark Stansby

Reference: A4 The Strand

Notes:  
Mount on 2 x 3.4m posts x  
76mm

Date:  
25-01-23



## **Route 403 Cross Council Working Group Update to Calne Area LHFIG – January 2023**

The Working Group was established last year to “preserve and enhance the 403 Sustrans Route between Chippenham and Avebury as a multi-user route for active travel and leisure, well-being and commuting purposes, and to promote its use to, and care by, the local community.”

The Group now comprises representatives from Calne Town Council, Calne Without Parish Council, Bremhill Parish Council, Cherhill Parish Council, Chippenham Town Council, Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way Team, Sustrans, Sustainable Calne and the Chippenham Cycle Network Development Group.

Progress to date includes:

- The route between Chippenham and Avebury has been cycled by members of the group. Issues relating to route alignment, width, surfacing and signage have been recorded and mapped.
- Requirements for replacement and supplementary signage have been identified in detail. Additional signs have now been received from Sustrans and we are making arrangements to install.
- The Group have been liaising with Sustrans on the potential diversion of a section of the route to the east of Yatesbury, where the existing surface along the margin of a field is poor and suffers from obstruction by the adjacent hedgerow. An alternative route along a byway has been identified. A site visit has been arranged with Sustrans to assess the proposal, which is due to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- A site visit is being arranged with Hills Waste Management to inspect and assess potential improvements to the surface through the Hills site.
- The section between Calne and Black Dog halt has been inspected for barriers to wheelchair or mobility scooter users. Work is in hand by Wiltshire Council to fill in the cattle grid at the exit from Castlefields Park, which represents a significant barrier. Additional work to assess accessibility restrictions along the Calne to Chippenham section is to be undertaken.
- Two benches provided by Sustainable Calne have been installed along the old railway line.

Much of the route between Calne and Chippenham follows the old railway line. This is reliant on leases with eight landowners, seven of which are five-year leases due for renewal in March 2024. Because of this, Wiltshire Council has engaged Sustrans to undertake a feasibility study to identify possible alternative route options for NCN route 403 between Chippenham and Calne. This study is due to complete at the end of March.

The Working Group is closely following the progress of this study. Members of the Group are mindful of the popularity of the route with both cyclists and walkers and are keen to see the leases renewed, or, preferably, converted into longer-term leases. (This would, in turn, open up the possibility of longer-term investment into improvements in surfacing.)

Cllr John Barnes  
Calne Without Parish Council

